

**ORAL QUIZ ON THE VIKINGS**

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

**The Vikings**

1. What kind of people were the Vikings, and where did they come from?  
*The Vikings were fierce raiders and fighters. They originated in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.*
2. What does the word “viking” mean?  
*“Viking” means “pirate” or “sea-rover.”*
3. Describe the type of clothing, house, and foods that were part of the Viking culture.  
*Vikings typically wore warm, comfortable clothes made from wool or linen. Shoes and boots were made of leather. In colder climates, they also wore garments and boots made with sheepskin and fur. The chief and all the families who worked for him slept and ate together in a large house called a longhouse made from wood with a thatched roof. The Vikings’ diet consisted mainly of cooked meat and fish, along with milk and beer.*
4. How did most Vikings work when they were not fighting battles?  
*Most Vikings were farmers who produced a variety of crops and kept animals such as pigs, cows, chickens and goats. They also hunted wild animals.*
5. What kinds of crafts did the Vikings make?  
*They made all sorts of crafts, including metalwork, carvings, elaborate weapons, and jewelry.*
6. When the Vikings fought in wars, what kinds of weapons did they use, and how did they celebrate their victories?  
*The Vikings fought with swords, axes, spears, bows and arrows. When they won, they had lavish feasts with musicians who played a variety of instruments and poets who recited poems recounting the heroic deeds of the Vikings in battle.*

1. WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WERE THE VIKINGS, AND WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

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2. WHAT DOES THE WORD "VIKING" MEAN?

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3. DESCRIBE THE VIKINGS' CLOTHING, HOUSE, AND FOODS.

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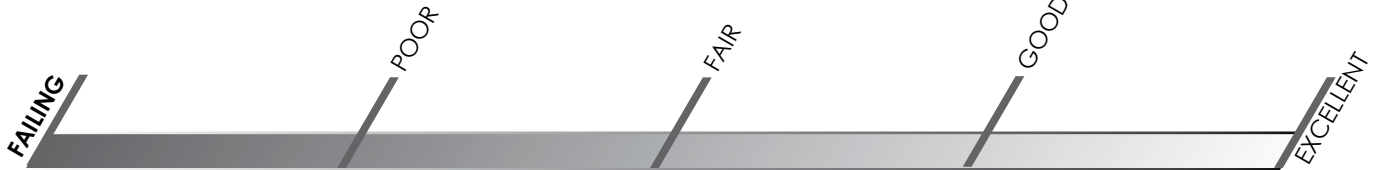
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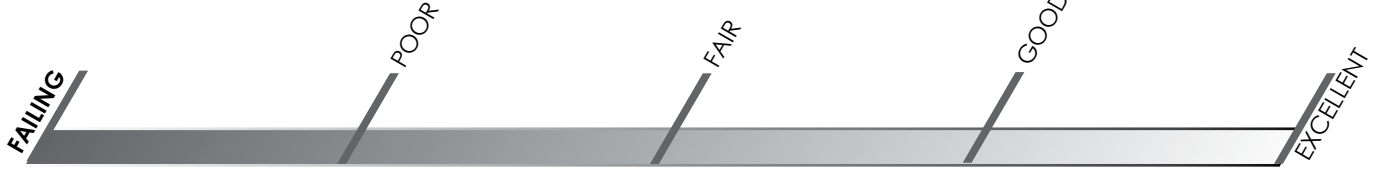
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4. HOW DID MOST VIKINGS WORK WHEN THEY WERE NOT FIGHTING BATTLES?



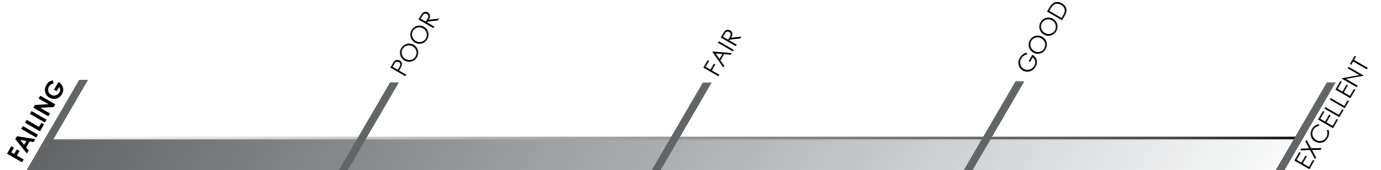
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5. WHAT KINDS OF CRAFTS DID VIKINGS MAKE?



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6. WHAT WEAPONS DID VIKINGS USE, AND HOW DID THEY CELEBRATE VICTORIES?



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