

SHORT ANSWER

Take 10 minutes to answer these questions.

1. Historians speak of a _____, lasting from the 700's until about 1100. During this period, the _____ raided and pillaged Europe and explored the North Atlantic Ocean.
2. How far did the Vikings travel into Asia?
3. After Rome's fall in the 400's and until the 1000's, Europeans found themselves in a period which we now call the _____.
4. What was a *berserker*?
5. The Church was a shining light in a dark age, and she burned brightest in the form of _____ that dotted the landscape of Western Europe.
6. True or False: Most Vikings went raiding or, as they called it, "a-viking."
7. Name one of the three most important Viking gods.
8. Name two of the virtues that Vikings prized most.
9. What was a ship grave?
10. Why did the Vikings come to North America?

ESSAY QUESTION

Take 20 minutes to answer one of these questions.

1. In a detailed essay, explain the state of European affairs during the Viking Age and the short- and long-term effects of the continual Viking raids on European civilization. Consider the effects in relation to the factors that contribute to a strong civilization: abundant food supplies, safety, and a strong, central government.
2. Compare and contrast the reigns of Charlemagne and Alfred the Great. Consider the following categories in your essay: the effect of each on the development of culture, each man's political and administrative achievements, and the legacy of each.