

Greenland Vikings



- The name 'Viking' means 'a pirate raid' in the Old Norse language
- The Vikings travelled from their homeland (Scandinavia) to raid and colonise the British Isles, Iceland, parts of Greenland, the Frankish Empire (France), parts of Italy, as well as other areas in Europe
- Among the many gods Vikings believed in were Thor, the god of thunder, and Loki, a cheeky mischiefmaker who could shape-shift to become all different kinds of animals

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*How do you
think the Vikings
travelled from their
homeland to other
countries?*



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The ships of the Vikings were the key to their success. The longships are the most well known to transport troops, they were able to navigate in shallow waters. Their long, narrow shape made them quick in water, but also meant a very limited space for cargo.

