

The Vikings

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Introduction to Chapter 1: The Vikings



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CHAPTER 2: Traders and Raiders



Between the late 700s and the 1000s, Viking raiders invaded parts of Europe.

Big Question: How did the Vikings get the riches they brought back to their homeland?

CHAPTER 4: Eric the Red



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CHAPTER 5: Leif Eriksson



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