

Smashing Saxons and Vicious Vikings

Vocabulary Guide

	Word	Definition
	Jarl	A noble member of Viking society, ranked just below the King.
	freemen	Also known as the 'Karls'. They were free to own land and business, often owning slaves.
	slaves	Also known as the 'Thralls'. They had little to no rights but most (not all) were treated well by their owners.
	longship	A Viking ship with a long, narrow, open hull, one square sail and a large number of oars.
	longhouse	A long, narrow building made mostly with timber frames, with walls of wattle and daub and thatched roofs.
	hunting spear	A pole weapon with a sharp, pointed head used against prey and enemies.
	runes	Letters of an ancient alphabet.
	round-shield	A circular shield made primarily of wood, with a bowl-shaped 'boss' made of iron at the centre to protect the hand.
	drinking horn	A vessel used to drink wine, ale and the like, made using real animal horns.

	The Nine Worlds	Thought in Norse mythology to be the nine realms of the world, home to many different creatures, including gods and giants.
	Odin	In Norse mythology, Odin is the god of wisdom, poetry, death and magic. He is the King of Asgard, home of the gods.
	Thor	In Norse mythology, Thor is the god of thunder. He is physically the strongest of the Norse gods.
	Freyja	In Norse mythology, Freyja is the goddess of love. Freyja means 'lady' in Old Norse.
	Sutton Hoo	A site where many Anglo-Saxon artefacts were discovered, helping us with our understanding today.
	bronze helmet	Worn as protection during battle. It often covered the majority of the face.
	tunic	The main outer garment for a lot of men. It was often made of wool.
	lyre	A popular six-stringed instrument of the time.
	Wessex	Location for the Battle of Edington, where Anglo-Saxon King, Alfred the Great, forced the Vikings to leave.