

THE AXE FILES

UNEARTH SOME OF THE STRANGEST SECRETS OF THE DARK AGES WITH OUR SHARP-AS-A-BLADE, JUST-FOR-FUN QUIZ!

THE AXE FILES IRRELEVANT BUT TRUE!



Here's everything you always wanted to know about the world of the Vikings, but were too idle to ask!

Pick out the most sensible answer!

1. The word Viking means:

- a) Seasick
- b) Chewy walrus fat
- c) Plunderer
- d) Flaming red sideburns



2. The busiest rune writers were:

- a) The Swedes
- b) The Danes

3. Fashionable warriors wore:

- a) Flares
- b) Shades
- c) snakeskin boots
- d) velvet jackets

4. Imagine you were a Viking who supported animal rights.

Would you:

- a) Stage protests
- b) Disrupt whaling expeditions
- c) wear imitation fur coats
- d) boycott major feasts

5. Harald Fine-Hair, first King of Norway, had a great-great-grandfather whose surnames was:

- a) Fart
- b) Snot
- c) poop
- d) kak

6. Vikings didn't have:

- a) Saunas
- b) cold plunges
- c) tooth decay
- d) cavity-wall insulation

7. Ragnar Hairy-Breeks got his nickname because:

- a) Aged six, he won the Master Hirsute section of the Copenhagen knobby-knee Tournament
- b) He wore enormous, bristly knickerbockers
- c) He was afraid he might meet a dragon
- d) He never washed his clothes



8. Which grandson of Charlemagne was deposed for making a humiliating treaty with the Vikings in 887:

- a) Charles the Bald
- b) Charles the Fat
- c) Charles the Simple
- d) Chas the Wazzock

9. Viking streets were paved with:

- a) Planks
- b) cobbles
- c) the skulls of foes
- d) concrete



10. To keep warm, the Vikings filled their walls with:

- a) Willow twigs
- b) peat
- c) wool
- d) seaweed

11. The first piece of Viking poetry that rhymed was composed by Egil Skallagrimson:

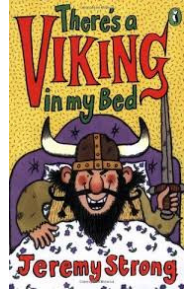
- a) To save his life
- b) to woo shapely Miss Gerta next door
- c) because he was at a loose end
- d) to win a bet

12. York is a:

- a) A type of cheese
- b) A Viking city with an important comb factory
- c) the sound of someone being ill
- d) an ingrowing toe nail

13. King Athils of Sweden died of “immoderate joviality” while celebrating:

- a) His divorce
b) The laundry finding his missing sock
- c) the death of an enemy
d) a really funny joke



14. Vikings felt ill in winter because:

- a) They caught colds
b) They poisoned themselves
- c) there was “something going around”
d) they drank too much blood soup

15. Vikings hunted elk on:

- a) Foot
b) skis
c) Wednesdays
d) horseback



16. Vikings made skates out of:

- a) Pieces of wood
b) horses' hooves
c) old swords
d) whale ribs

17. In 850 the Anglo-Saxons defeated a Viking fleet at:

- a) Snak
b) Sandwich
c) Hamburger
d) Hottdhogg

18. The man who saved Paris from the Vikings in 885 was called:

- a) Odo
b) Odon't
c) Hedid
d) Henever

19. In Denmark, of you wanted to be a pirate you had to have:

- a) A permit
b) A reputation
c) a big beard
d) a parrot and an eye patch