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VIKINGS





Land ho! The Vikings jump from the ship. They don't care who owns these shores. They are only interested in gold, silver, and precious stones. To return from a looting expedition empty-handed is unthinkable!

Berserkers, the most ferocious Viking warriors, bite into their shields out of sheer fury! At the sight of Gorm the Mad, everyone takes to their heels!

Swords clang! Axes whiz through the air! The Vikings are on the rampage! Thyra the celebrated seer has foreseen rich pickings. . .



Hurray! The heroes are returning to their cold land of giant gray rocks and long winter nights. The puffins screech with joy. The sea lions wave their flippers.

The Vikings are happiest in their village. "Hello! We're back at last!" calls Erik from the ship. "And we've brought gifts for everyone."

The Vikings sing as they work. "Heave-ho! Put plank to plank, then back to sea!" War isn't all they make. Far from it! They build great ships, from whose decks they catch fish, roam the seas, and discover new lands. Gorm the Mad carves terrifying dragon heads. "This morning I caught a fish this big," he boasts.

At the bottom of an overgrown hill, where lemmings roam and shaggy sheep graze, is a chieftain's grave. Here lies a noble Viking, with his wealth and his beloved lady. His rest is peaceful. Be well, Vikings! Even a thousand years from now, your legend will live on.

Some Vikings can write. Erik and the other children are learning the runes of the Viking alphabet. Instead of writing them in a notebook, they carve them into stone. Rune school is no picnic!



TIPS AND TRICKS HOW TO BECOME A VIKING



Get yourself the right gear. A sword with a decorated hilt, a sturdy helmet, and a round shield are Viking essentials!



Long braids are the hallmark of a true Viking. So grow your hair and get yourself a fake beard.

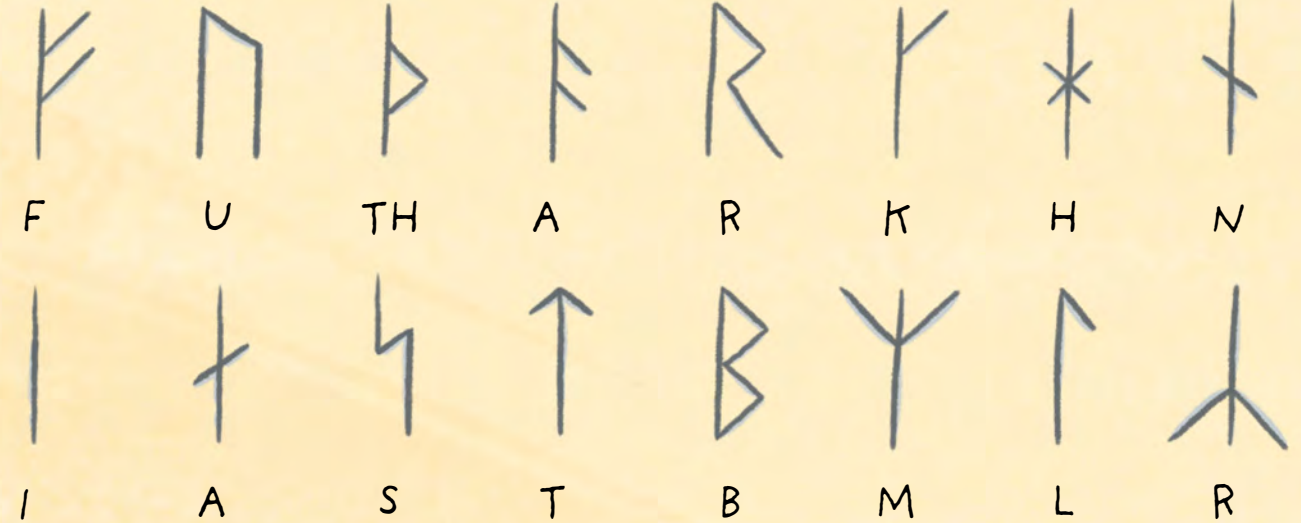


Learn to use a chisel and become a master wood carver.



Develop a love for water and practice your rowing. Vikings feel at home in water!

Learn a runic alphabet, such as Younger Futhark:



Board your ship and sail away!

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Would you like to be like them? You would? Then open this book and journey to the land of rocks and snow. You will need courage and a sword in addition to patience, as you learn to carve and read mysterious runes. All the great heroes and heroines in the ancient stories are adorned with braids, so you, too, will need a few. Shout “Viking” at the top of your lungs, and let’s go!



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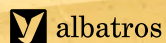
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