THE TRUE VIKINGS

An icon design project

The collection of icons are designed for a children's book to teach children the truth about the Vikings.

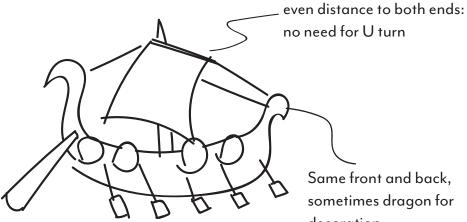


They traveled around Europe to make trades and raide churches.



There were a lot of misunderstanding of this group of legendary people.

What are the important elements about Vikings?



Same front and back, sometimes dragon for decoration

Viking built marvelous SHIPS

Vikings are known for their GOOD HYGIENE

Although usually dipicted as savage and wild, the Vikings had good personal hygiene and were well-groomed. They used a lot of grooming tools to keep themselves clean and organized.





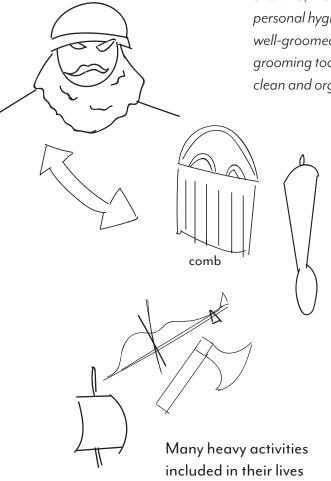


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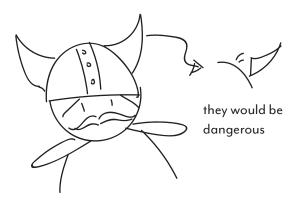
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Vikings were all about physical strength and were known to abandon sickly children. Abandonment methods included leaving them alone in the wildnerness and throwing them into the sea.





What are the misunderstandings?



No fighting man in that age of violent hand-to-hand battle would ever wear a helmet that an enemy could grab and twist his head around or pull off his helmet. Christians in Europe added the detail to make the Vikings look more barbarian.

X Viking all wore helmet with horns



X Vikings mainly killed monks

for religious purpose

They killed monks because they are more vulnerable and easy to attack. They wanted fortune, they did not mean to kill people, although it was one of the results of Vikings' raiding.

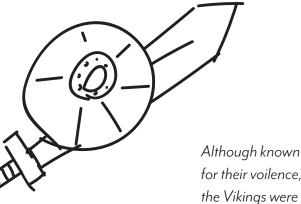
Several popular words we use today have Viking origins. Snort, lump, scrawny and anger all have their roots in Old Norse language. They were violent when they went raiding, but they are not wild people as depicted. They had their own culture.

X Viking were purely savage peopole

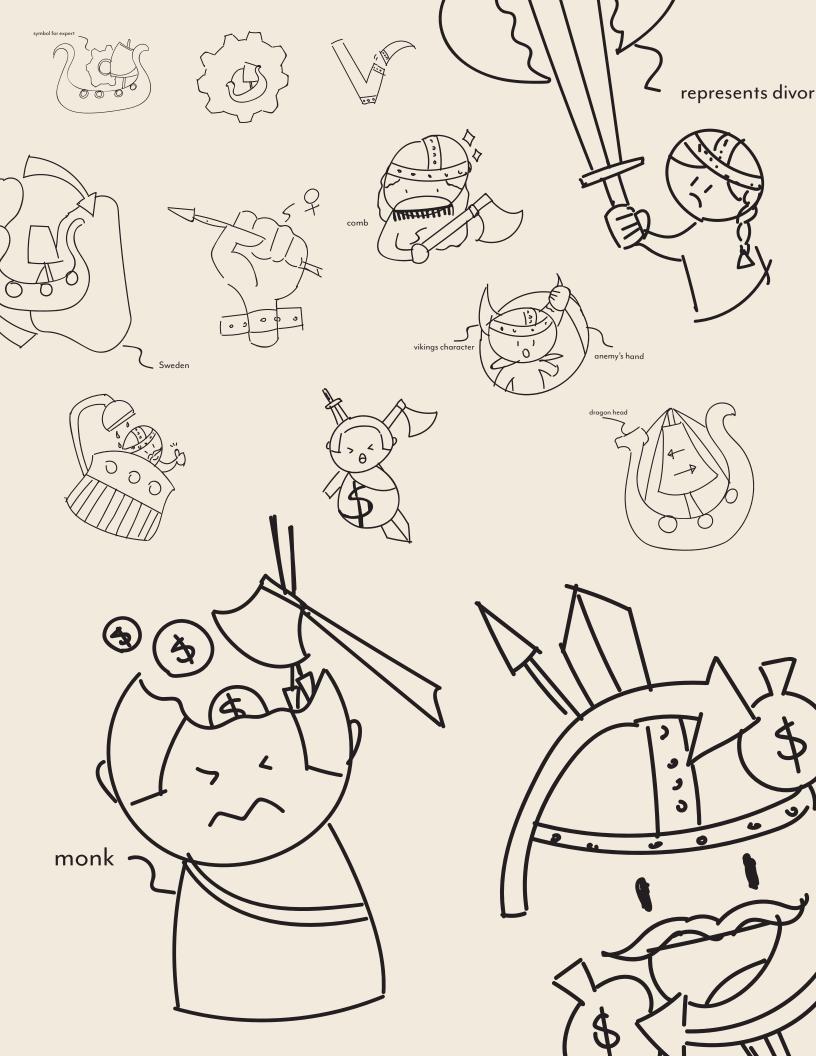
Vikings were professionally trained fighters

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Vikings had their own letters



for their voilence, the Vikings were not trained soldiers.













No Horns





Good Hygiene





Ship Expert





Strength Matters





Female Right





For Money&Trades

Illustrations for children's book chapter title pages



