



# Viking trade activity outline



## Activity support notes

### Objective

To understand the range of goods traded by the Vikings as imports and exports.

### What you will need

You will need:

- Classroom activity sheet C.pdf (Trade goods pictures)
- Classroom activity sheet D.pdf (Vikings and trade)
- Viking map blank.pdf

### Activity

This activity can be done individually or in pairs. Using Classroom activity sheet C pupils will cut out trade good images and sort them into imports and exports. Using Classroom activity sheet D pupils will 'load up' the import and export knarr ships by sticking the appropriate trade images to them

This activity can be undertaken if you have made a visit to the museum and had a Viking taught session or could be undertaken through research books.

Using the blank map of Europe stick the images of trade goods to where the items originated.

*Please note* The answers to this activity are on this page, on the right hand column.

### Outcomes

Children will see that the Vikings were traders as well as raiders, and that trade brought them a range of goods that could not be found or made at home.

The answers are:

### Import

- Grain
- Silver
- Spices
- Wine
- Silk
- Glass
- Pottery

### Export

- Fish
- Furs
- Timber and tar
- Antler and (whale/walrus) ivory objects
- Amber
- Honey and wax
- Soapstone
- Whetstone
- Slaves (captured and sold from elsewhere)

*Note that luxury objects, which tend to predominate in the archaeological record, were only a small proportion of the trade in bulkier goods like grain, which do not.*



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