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# Vikings - Answer Key

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. The Norse people lived in what is now called

- ☒ A. Scandinavia.
- B. Slovakia.
- C. Cantabria.
- D. Slovenia.

2. Leif Erikson was the first European explorer to sail to

- A. Greenland.
- B. Norway.
- C. Iceland.
- ☒ D. Canada.

3. What technology made the Vikings so successful at raiding?

- A. They had much stronger swords than their enemies.
- ☒ B. Their longships were fast and could travel on rivers.
- C. They had horns on their helmets.
- D. They were expert horseback riders.

4. Which countries make up Scandinavia?

- A. Sweden, Denmark and Greenland
- B. Greenland, Norway and Sweden
- ☒ C. Norway, Sweden and Denmark
- D. Iceland, Greenland and Canada

5. Which of the following is NOT true according to the Norse religion?

- A. Thor is the God of the sky.
- B. Valkyries are female warrior angels.
- C. Odin is the father of Thor.
- ☒ D. The son of Odin is Jesus Christ.

6. What is Valhalla to a Viking?

- ☒ A. where dead warriors go to feast in the afterlife
- B. a giant castle in Norway that no one has conquered
- C. the supreme god in Norse mythology
- D. an area in northern France where many Vikings lived

7. Why did Erik the Red name an island Greenland?

- A. It was very green with grass and trees.
- B. He wanted to be ironic.
- ☒ C. He wanted to attract other people to move there.
- D. Under the snow, there were green, glowing rocks.

8. All the Viking raids on northern France eventually led to what?

- ☒ A. The French king gave Normandy to the Vikings.
- B. Paris built walls to protect itself from raids.
- C. French citizens joined the Vikings in their attacks.
- D. The Viking army was defeated by the French king.

9. Which statement best describes what the Vikings did in Iceland?

- A. They conquered it.
- ☒ B. They colonized it.
- C. They raided it.
- D. They traded with it.

10. What is the main reason that the Vikings stopped raiding in Europe?

- A. They ran out of timber to build their ships and couldn't control the seas.
- B. They had already conquered all of Europe.
- C. They were defeated by King Alfred the Great of England.
- ☒ D. They converted to Christianity and didn't want to raid other Christians.