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Vikings

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The Norse people lived in what is now called

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| A. Scandinavia. | C. Cantabria. |
| B. Slovakia. | D. Slovenia. |

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

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| A. Greenland. | C. Iceland. |
| B. Norway. | D. Canada. |

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

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

4. Which countries make up Scandinavia?

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

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

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| A. Thor is the God of the sky. | C. Odin is the father of Thor. |
| B. Valkyries are female warrior angels. | 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.