

Viking Longships Comprehension

Answer these questions in full sentences with capital letters and full stops.

Don't forget - The spellings that you might need could either be in the question or within the text.

1. What features of the longship made it travel fast?

2. What was another name for a longship?

3. What two sources of power were used to make the ship move?

4. What would the Vikings do if there was no wind?

5. How were the longships steered?

6. What were the men's shields used for on the longships?

7. What was on the front of the longship and what was it used for?

8. Why was the speed of the longship important for the Vikings?

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1. The features of the longship that made it travel fast were they were long and narrow.
2. Another name for a longship was a 'dragonship'.
3. Two sources of power used to make the ship move were wind and manpower.
4. If there was no wind, the Vikings would row the ship with oars.
5. Longships were steered by a man at the back of the ship using a big oar.
6. The men's shields were tied over the oar holes and used to protect the men and women during battles.
7. The front of the ship was the carved head of an animal and would have been used to scare off enemies and be intimidating.
8. The speed of the longship was important to the Vikings because they might need to carry out surprise attacks or make speedy getaways.