

Vikings:

Source 1:

1. List the descriptive terms that Adam of Bremen uses to describe the Vikings.
2. What image of the Vikings do these terms evoke?
3. Do these present a consistent view of the Vikings?
4. How does the story of Margrave Siegfried reflect on the Vikings' image as warriors?
5. Does Adam accord any positive traits to the Danes or the Swedes?

Source 2:

1. What specific aspect of Viking life does this picture illustrate?
2. Does it challenge or reinforce the image provided in Source 1?
3. Does either source (1 or 2) suggest a heroic people or a people with significant historical accomplishments?

Source 3:

1. In what context are the Viking warriors shown in this source?
2. What are the differences between Source 2 and 3 with regards to how the Vikings are depicted?

Source 4:

1. Compare the ship from this source with the one shown in Source 3. How well do they agree in details?
2. Is this ship more seaworthy than the one shown in Source 2? Why?

Source 5:

1. Where did the Vikings travel according to this source?
2. Where they just pirates?
3. What other activities did they pursue?
4. What does this source tell you about the status of women in Viking society?

Source 6:

1. Do you think all of the items shown in this source were obtained by pillaging? Why or why not?

Source 7:

1. Why did men like Erik the Red sail to Greenland?
2. How do you think these expeditions will compare to the European ones we will study in the next period?
3. Why might timber and grapes be of value to colonists in Greenland and Iceland?

Source 8:

1. Examine the 2 site plans. What evidence is there of the Vikings having to adapt to an extreme environment?

Polynesians:

Source 9:

1. What are the words Ellis uses to characterize the Polynesians?
2. What do these words suggest? Savage warriors, dignified chieftains, or degraded children?

Source 10:

1. Is the image of Polynesians from this source similar or different to the one given in Source 1?
2. What does the view in this source imply about these people?
3. Would you expect these people to be able to plan and carry out monumental projects or have expert knowledge about navigation?

Source 11 and 12:

1. Compare the pictures in these sources. Are there any similarities or differences? Is there any evidence that these vessels could have survived an open ocean voyage?

Source 13:

1. How many trips are listed in this source?
2. Were any of these round trips?
3. Why were these voyages undertaken? What consequences did they have?

Source 14:

1. What led the Seven Originals to leave 'Ubea?
2. How many people set out on the voyage, how many returned?
3. What prized possessions did they take with them?
4. Were the relations with the people that they encountered amicable?
5. What do you think about their treatment of the *hiti*

Evidence Activity: Vikings and Polynesians
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