

The Vikings

Introduction - Geography

The home of the Vikings was mainly the region of Scandinavia. The region covered modern day Norway, Denmark and Sweden.



(image taken from <http://www.scandinaviantravel.com/map.html>)

EXERCISE: Using the map above, trace an outline around the area that was Scandinavia.

REMEMBER! - Geographical features of Scandinavia.

The region of Scandinavia had numerous geographical features that were beneficial to the Viking Society. The **Fjords (pronounced Fords)** that were

spread across the region were beneficial to the Vikings because they provided natural harbours for the Viking boats.

The **Scandinavian Mountains** of the region were not suitable for human habitation, however they did provide natural protection from potential invasions from the outside. The Vikings overcame the mountainous terrain by travelling through the **Fjords** on their boats.

The **Archipelagos (Ar-kee-pel-ah-goes)** such as **Lofoten** provided the Vikings with more areas to live in. the region of **Lofoten** was also known for the cod fisheries. With this in mind, The **Archipelagos** provided the Vikings with resources for them to live from, as well as use to trade.

EXERCISE! There are some words here that you might not have heard of! In your exercise books, split a page in half and on the left side write the word you haven't heard of and on the right side, put the definition of it! (you should use a dictionary, or the internet to find your definitions.)