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**“The Amazing Vikings,” *TIME* Article May 2000**

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Directions:

Read the article and answer the questions below in complete sentences:

1. What are some of the traditional misconceptions about the Vikings?
2. Where did the Norse live? What types of activities did most of the Norse do if they weren’t “Vikings” making raids?
3. Describe what made the Viking culture sophisticated (contrary to popular belief).
4. Look at the graphics on the Vikings’ westward trips (“Braving the Seas”) – how far did they travel? Why did they travel to these places?
5. What made Viking ships “the finest of the age”?
6. How far did the Viking trading network extend?
7. What did the Vikings decide to do in the late 8th century in order to acquire luxury goods?
8. What possible reasons did the Vikings have for crossing the Atlantic Ocean?
9. What kinds of archaeological evidence have helped us learn more about the Vikings?
10. Why did the Vikings leave Greenland?
11. Why do the authors claim the Vikings “played a pivotal role in reshaping Europe”? (last pg.)
12. What surprised you most from this reading?