

Meet the Vikings

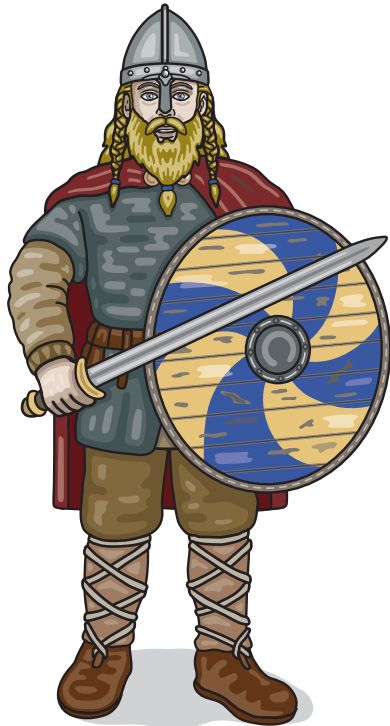
This resource supports the digital school session from National Museums Scotland.



In our session we met five characters:



Trader



Warrior



Farmer



Woman



Child

However, people in the Viking world could have more than one role.

Read the following descriptions of Viking graves.

Circle all the roles you think were performed by the person who was buried in the grave.



Cnip grave

A Viking age grave from the Isle of Lewis contained several objects, including a pair of tortoise brooches, a string of glass beads, a sickle and a needle case.

Who was buried in the grave? What roles did they perform?



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Kiloran Bay grave

A grave from Colonsay contained a large number of objects including a set of weights and scales, a silver dress pin, a sword, a spear, an axe and a horse.

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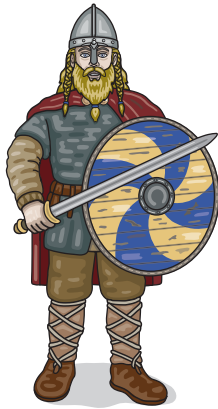
Westness grave

A Viking grave from Orkney contained objects including gaming pieces, a shield boss, a comb, and a sickle.

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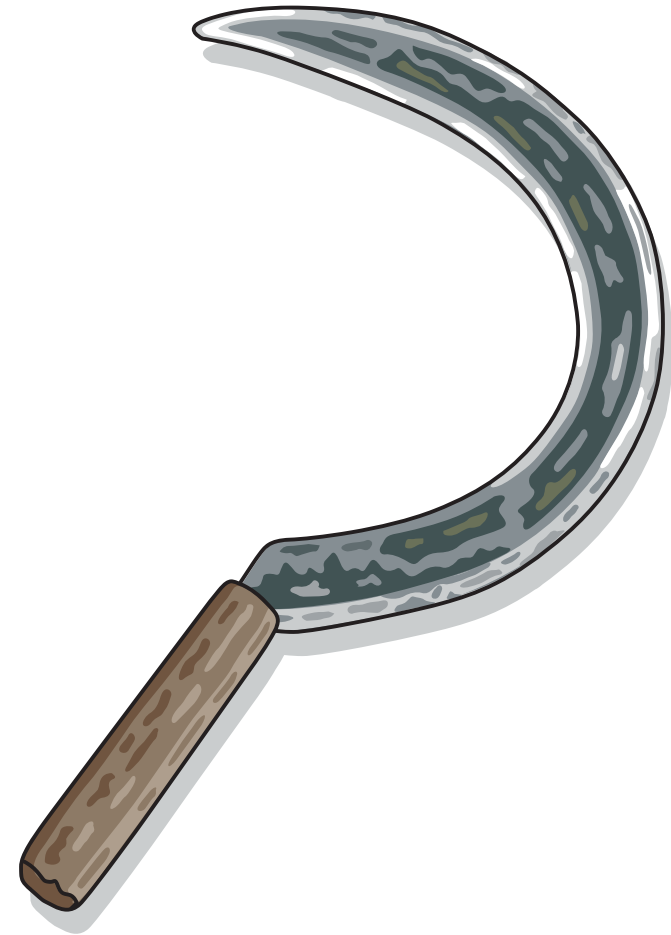
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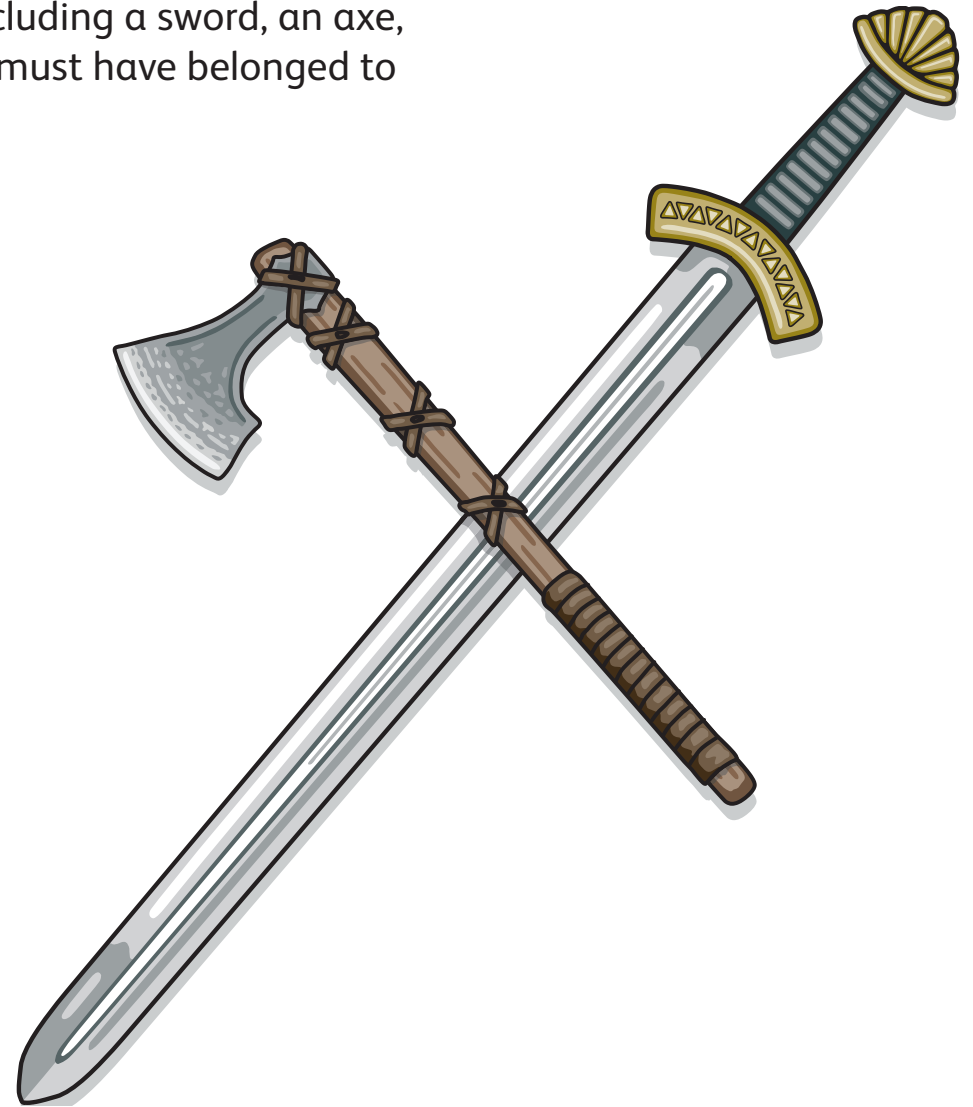


Birka grave

When a Viking age grave was found in Sweden in 1878 including a sword, an axe, a spear, two shields and two horses, it was first thought it must have belonged to a man who was a warrior.

More modern science has shown that the person buried in the grave was actually a woman.

We still have lots to learn about life in the Viking world!



Birka grave, Sweden

Why don't you draw the grave and its contents?

My illustration of the Birka grave by

