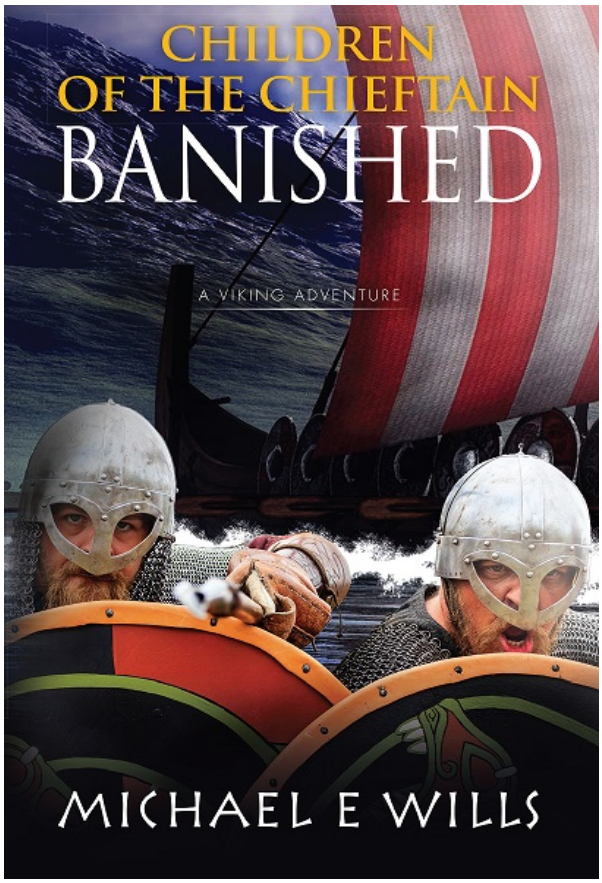
Children of the Chieftain: Banished

Activity Booklet



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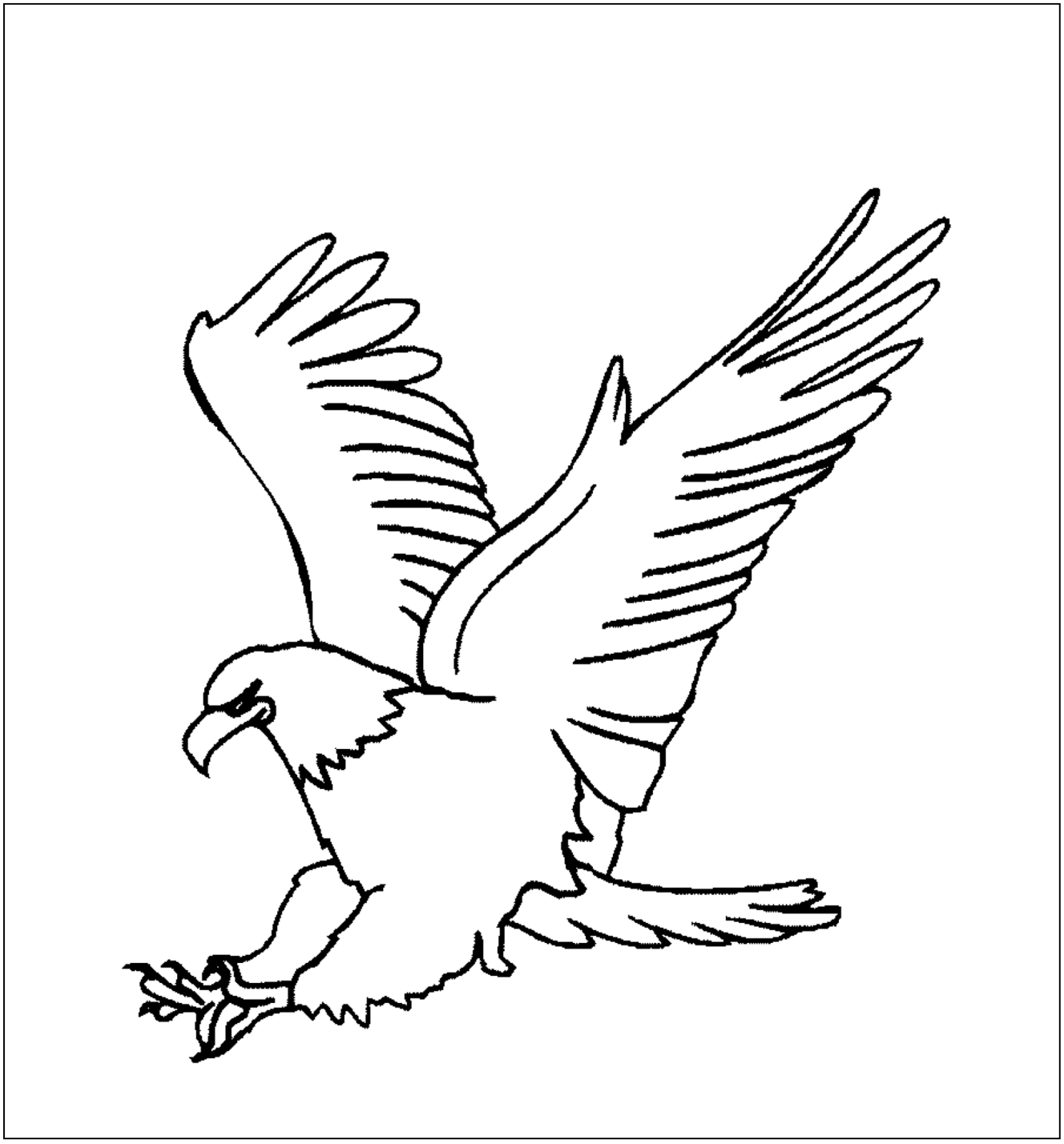
Activity 1: Colour the design of the new sail for the Viking ship, ‘Eagle’.



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Activity 2: Word Scramble

Can you unscramble the words below?

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1. cifhitane _____
2. idno _____
3. ngti _____
4. ihansb _____
5. rdows _____
6. lregi _____
7. rendriee _____
8. evslri _____
9. efud _____
10. rtnse _____
11. ihfs _____
12. rwora _____
13. iinkvg _____
14. alege _____
15. emrham _____
16. brrboe _____
17. ryurqa _____
18. edbra _____
19. hotnr _____
20. rngli _____

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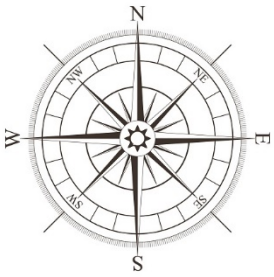
Activity 3: Directions from the Compass



N stands for north, E for east. What do you think NE stands for? _____

You are a seagull in the United Kingdom, in what direction should you fly to reach these destinations?

1. Iceland ……. 2. Sweden ……. 3. France …… 4. Belarus …….
5. Austria ……. 6. Italy ……. 7. Norway …… 8. Portugal ……

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Activity 4: Crossword

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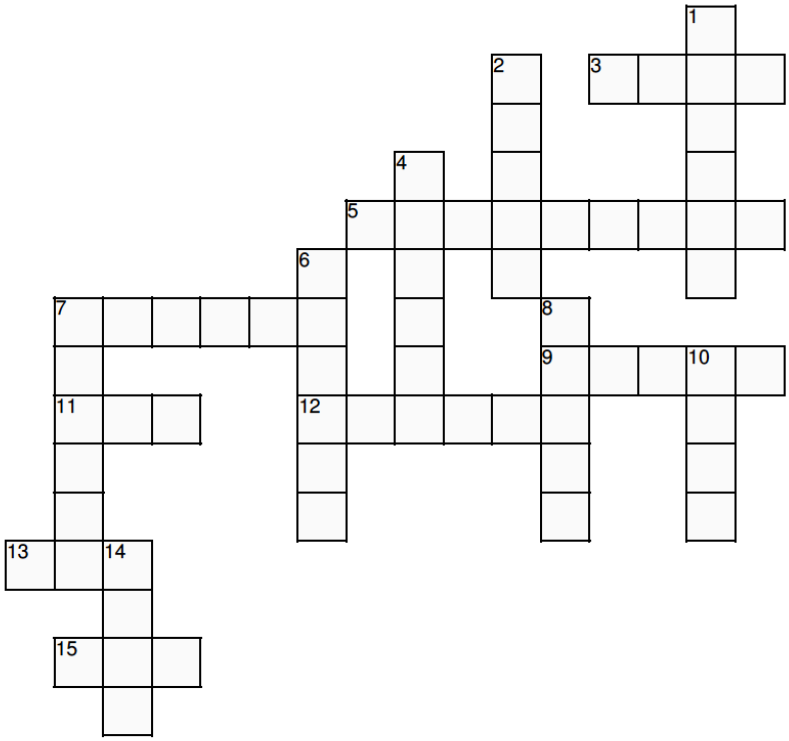
Complete the crossword using words from the book



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arrow | oars | spring | Eagle | Ulf | pitchfork | silver | food | chisel | feud | Bertil | banish | black | fog | quarry | Rus

Across

3. A serious dispute or argument between people
5. Sture had one of these stuck into his arm
7. To force someone to leave a country and stay away
9. The captain was hit by one of these
11. They travelled to the Land of the .....
12. There was a festival on the first day of .....
13. They went to rescue .....
15. They could not see the other ship because of the .....

Down

1. A place where rock was cut out of the mountain
2. Sten Brightsword's shield was red and .....
4. Ahl's uncle gave him a purse containing .....
6. The boys cut rock with a hammer and .....
7. The old sea captain
8. The name of their ship
10. The crew pulled on these to make the boat move
14. Ruric always thought about this

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Activity 5: Word Search

Name: _____

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Activity 5: Word Search

There are 12 words from the book in this Word Search. Can you find them?

A F M P O K B J X H P Y T N D P W I Q I
N E S R Y Q Y A O C Z S L A V E H J U R
K R Q F G P G X H R Y O S Q Z E P E U J
T U G W N O C O E A X D Q Q D G L O E T
R G M I A D I G F G Q C O K V C M P E S
Y E O K B G A F O A H D D L Y V F K X G
R O B B E R P N S H I E L D C A P N U E
A F W A Y H W Z X I Q N V T K Y D J J P
B L V F N W P G E Y F W G O V E R N O R
F A X W V Q L Q F E T L V N C O V E G U
R I V Q U A R R Y C X H J Z B T N A P X
Z I D R D P W X F Q K S N B R U S Z V Z
U I O B R F S P R P E C H L S G J J H H
L S J E A G L E O Y J X M W V K W P Q C
I R Q H H U E T Y A H L J P B J O W I W
J S S M E O B D C L X L M Y D S Y Q B Y
W Z X E B O D H C C G R Y P K W J H X F
S S U L S H E L M S M A N M L W G Y B X
W U X R Q Y Z U K K D L O A R V Y K J X
I Q B P F M U P Z X S C F E U D J V L O

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Activity 6: How Many?

In Chapter 5 Captain Bertil has to decide how many fish he will have to take on the voyage, to feed the crew and himself. He asks Oleg to help:

"There are eight crew and me on the ship, each of us needs two fish a day. How many fish do we need each day?"

Oleg answered, "Eighteen". Then the captain asked, "If the voyage lasts twenty days, how many salted fish will we need altogether?"

Oleg answered correctly, "Three hundred and sixty".

Now you can take the part of Oleg as the Captain asks him these questions:

1. "We should have an apple for each of us every day. How many do we need in total?"
2. "And we must take a pear for each of us too. Wait I've just remembered, Ahl doesn't like pears. How many will we need for the rest of us?"
3. To make our porridge we need one measure of flour for every three people, each day. How many measures of flour will we need in total?
4. "Use that wooden bucket to fill the six water tubs for the voyage. Each tub will hold seven buckets of water. How many times will you have to fill the bucket?

And the Super Duper Challenge Questions:

5. "See those large pieces of cheese over there? One of those can be cut into six slices. If we all have a slice of cheese each day, how many large pieces of cheese must we take with us?"
6. A tub of water holds enough for three crew for half of the voyage. How many tubs of water will they need for the whole crew for the complete voyage?

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Activity 7: Writing Tasks

1. When the boys are working in the quarry, they notice natural things that happen which indicate the change of the season from autumn to winter, for example the geese flew south. What natural signs tell you when winter is coming to an end and spring is beginning?

2. Ingir was told that she should not go on the voyage to find Ulf, but she did anyway. Pretend that you saw how she and Bodil managed to get aboard the Eagle. You have to tell the new chieftain, Sigurd, how it happened. Write a short conversation between you and Sigurd, showing his reaction. You can call yourself Torkel or Annika.

3. At the end of the book, Ahl has still not found the silver he needs to fill his helmet. How is he going to get it? Write a paragraph saying what you think will happen next.

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Activity 8: Complete the Sentences

Use the words on the right to complete the sentences

1. Ergil was a …….
2. The island ……. was the Ting
3. Ingir was …….. with Ahl
4. Bertil was a sea …….
5. They must fill a warrior's ……. with silver
6. Ruric was always …….
7. It was impossible to see the …… because of the fog
8. Silver the dog liked ……
9. They were using the ……. to build a church
10. The governor lived in a …….
11. There was a ……. between Sigurd and Ergil
12. There was a festival on the first day of ……

furious
sun
warrior
captain
helmet
fish
stone
spring
council
mansion
feud
hungry

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Activity 9: Reading Comprehension

The Land of the Rus

The Vikings are generally known as ruthless raiders and robbers and there is some truth in this. However, a proportion of those who lived in Scandinavia in the Viking Age were armed traders. Just like the raiders who attacked the coasts of Europe, they were great travellers and extremely daring. They had to be very brave because their voyages took them through some extremely dangerous and unwelcoming regions.

So why did the traders embark on such dangerous routes to do business? The answer is, silver. Silver was the currency of the Vikings and in the Middle East there was plenty of it. Men were willing to risk their lives to travel huge distances through unfriendly country to trade the furs of animals only found in Scandinavia, amber and jewellery for Arabian silver.

The traders were mainly from what we today call Sweden. They travelled across the Baltic, along the Gulf of Finland, past what is now St Petersburg and into Lake Ladoga. Around 850 AD, they set up a trading post on the shore of the lake at the entrance to a river leading south, and colonised the land. The trading post grew into a town called Staraya Ladoga, a name still used today. The local Slavic people called the colonisers, "Rus". It is not certain where this name came from, but it is probable that it is derived from the Finnish word "Ruotsi", which meant "Sweden". The term "Rus" eventually became "Russia".

From Staraya Ladoga the traders travelled south along rivers to Miklagård. This was the Viking name for Constantinople the capital of Turkey, which today we call "Istanbul". Here they traded their goods for silver. Over the years, they founded other towns on their route south, such as Novgorod in Russia and Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine.

Answer these questions:

1. What are Vikings generally known as?

   _____

2. Why did the armed traders have to be very brave?

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3. What was the metal the Vikings wanted?

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4. Where did most of the traders come from?

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5. What was the name of the trading post town they founded?

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6. What did the local Slavic people call the Viking traders?

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7. What was the Viking name for Istanbul?

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8. What goods did the traders exchange for what they wanted?

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