



## Research Guide – The Vikings

### 1. World Book Online

- Go to [library.sd36.bc.ca](http://library.sd36.bc.ca) and click on **North Surrey Secondary**
- Click on

Access the Surrey School District's Digital Resources [HERE](#)  
Then on **Secondary**, then on the **World Book** icon



- Type your search term in the search box, usually the first item that comes up is the most appropriate

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**Tools**

- Print full article
- Highlight search term in text
- Double-click a word to define it.
- View article by section
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**Vikings** were pirates and warriors who raided parts of Europe from the late 700's to about 1100. Viking sailors also explored the North Atlantic Ocean and even reached America. Such deeds have given this period of European history the name *the Viking Age*. Vikings were also called *Norsemen* or *Northmen*.

The Vikings lived in Scandinavia. Scandinavia is a region of Europe that today includes Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. The Vikings conquered or looted parts of England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Scotland, and Spain. Later, they set up trading centers and trade routes. Viking ships carried settlers to Iceland and to Greenland, which had been unknown to Europeans until then. Leif Eriksson, a Viking explorer, landed in North America about 500 years before Christopher Columbus did in 1492. The Vikings established a settlement in North America, but it lasted only a few years.

The name *Viking* did not come into use until after the Viking Age. It probably came from *Vik*, the name of a pirate center in southern Norway during Viking times. Among the Scandinavians, the expression *to go a-viking* meant *to fight as a pirate or warrior*. Other Europeans called the Scandinavians *Norsemen*, *Northmen*, or *Danes*. Swedish Vikings settled in eastern Europe, including part of what became Russia. Many historians believe that the Swedes became known there as the *Rus*, and that Russia was named for them.

**Related Information**

for: **Vikings**

- Encyclopedia Articles
- Books to Read
- Web Sites
- Magazine Articles

**Content Standards**

This World Book article aligns with British Columbia BC Standards

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Map  
Vikings' explorations

- Some important things to notice:
  - On the right is a listing of the contents of the article. You can click on a section and go directly there.
  - On the left World Book will direct you to other encyclopedia articles, websites and magazine articles that might prove useful.

## 2. Using the Library Catalog to find quality websites

- Go to [library.sd36.bc.ca](http://library.sd36.bc.ca) and click on **North Surrey Secondary**
- Click on **Catalog**, enter your search term in the search box, and click on **Subject**.
- You will get a list of the books and other resources the library holds on that subject, and by clicking on **Websites**, at the top right, you will also get recommended websites.

The screenshot shows the North Surrey Secondary Library Catalog interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Catalog' tabs. Below this, a green banner indicates 'Library Search > Search Results'. A red arrow points to the 'Web Sites' tab in the top right corner. The main search results area shows 'Searched for (vikings)'. Below this, there are options to 'Refine your search?' and 'Browse Subjects?'. The search results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 'Titles: 1 - 25 of 34'. The first result is 'The crafts and culture of the Vikings' by Joann Jovinelly, published in 2002, with a reading level of 8.4 and an interest level of 5-8. The result is marked as '1 of 1 available' and has an 'Add to this List' button.

The screenshot shows the North Surrey Secondary Library Catalog WebPath Express results for 'vikings'. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Catalog' tabs. Below this, a green banner indicates 'Library Search > Web Sites about "vikings"'. The main search results area shows 'WebPath Express results for (vikings)'. Below this, there are options to 'Refine your search?' and 'Additional filters'. The search results are filtered by 'Topic: All topics', 'Grade level: All grades', 'Domain: All domains', 'Format: All format types', 'Lexile: All lexile measures', 'Source: All source types', and 'Language: All languages'. The search results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 'Displaying: 1 - 25 of 594'. The first result is 'NOVA Online: The Vikings', which is a video clip about Viking piracy and exploration. The result is marked as 'Grade Level: 6-8' and '9-12' and has a 'User Rating: ★★★★★'. The URL is <http://www.pbs.org> and there is an 'Add to this List' button.