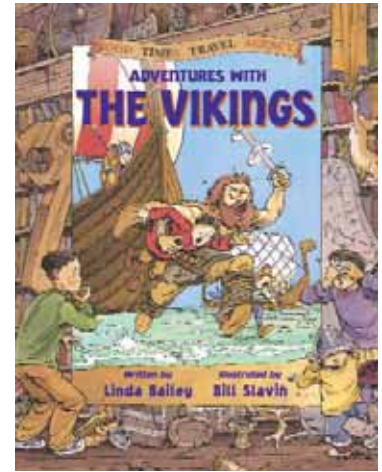
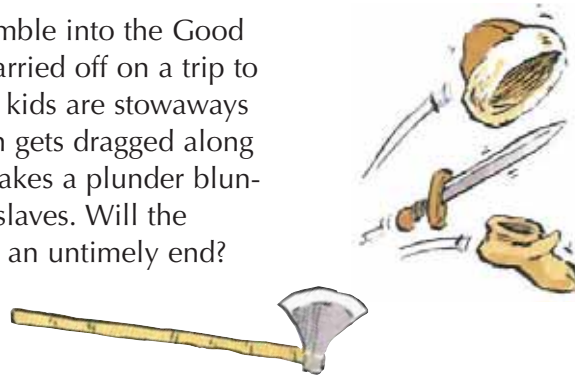


ADVENTURES WITH THE VIKINGS

The Binkertons unwittingly stumble into the Good Times Travel Agency and are carried off on a trip to the age of the Vikings. First the kids are stowaways on a Viking longship. Then Josh gets dragged along on a Viking raid. And Emma makes a plunder blunder that turns the siblings into slaves. Will the Binkerton's latest saga come to an untimely end?



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RESEARCH

The Vikings Were Here

Have your students use the Internet to find out more about the ancient Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland. In the classroom, build a 3D replica of the site using materials similar to those the Vikings used (sod and twigs). Discuss the best ways to build the structures for both strength and longevity.

Legends of the Viking Gods

Collect Viking legends about Valhalla, Thor, Odin and Frigga. Have your students work in small groups to create comic-book stories based on their favorite Viking legends.

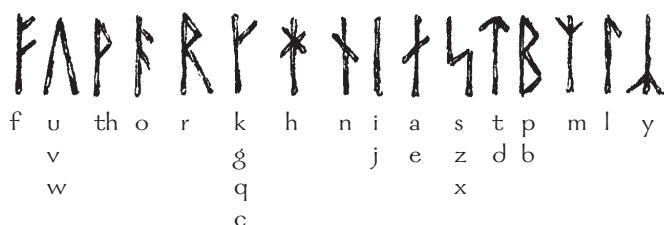
WRITING

Adventures in the 21st Century

When the Binkerton kids returned to the 21st century, some of the Viking slaves (thralls) returned with them. How would they react to the modern world? How will people react to them? Invite your students to write a story about the adventures of the thralls in modern times.

A Secret Code

Have your students use the runes below to create posters inviting everyone to a Viking Thing. (See role-play for activity.)



DRAWING

Wish You Were Here

Based on the information collected about the Vikings, ask your students to design postage stamps that reflect items from the period. Longships, Viking warriors and Viking gods and goddesses would make good subjects. Make sure that any writing on the stamps is written in the runic alphabet.

ROLE-PLAY

It's Just the "Thing"

Cast your students in a role-play of a Viking Thing. Choose judges, a law-speaker, a storyteller, contest participants and (of course) a Berserker. Other students can act as families attending the Thing. Have Viking music and treats to eat. See if those Vikings really did know how to have fun!

