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**December Birthdays**

12-1 Ed Hjorth  
12-12 Paul Sawyer  
12 – 25 Carol Ferris



**TMRC Daylight  
Chapter #1145  
Next Stated meeting  
- December 19<sup>th</sup> at  
1:30 pm**

**December:**

**Flower:** Narcissus/Paperwhite  
**Birthstone:** Turquoise  
**Zodiac Signs:** Sagittarius (Archer):  
November 22–December 21  
Capricorn (Goat): December 22–  
January 19

Grab a pencil and piece of paper. How many words can you make using the letters in "Holiday Season" We found 136!



**Vikings** is the modern name given to seafaring people originally from Scandinavia (present-day Denmark, Norway and Sweden), who from the late 8th to the late 11th centuries raided, pirated, traded and settled throughout parts of Europe. They also voyaged as far as the Mediterranean, North Africa, Volga Bulgaria, the Middle East, and North America. In some of the countries they raided and settled in, this period is popularly known as the Viking Age, and the term "Viking" also commonly includes the inhabitants of the Scandinavian homelands as a collective whole. The Vikings had a profound impact on the early medieval history of Scandinavia, the British Isles, France, Estonia, and Kievan Rus'.

Expert sailors and navigators aboard their characteristic longships, Vikings established Norse settlements and governments in the British Isles, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Normandy, and the Baltic coast, as well as along the Dnieper and Volga trade routes across modern-day Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine, where they were also known as Varangians. The Normans, Norse-Gaels, Rus' people, Faroese and Icelanders emerged from these Norse colonies. At one point, a group of Rus Vikings went so far south that, after briefly being bodyguards for the Byzantine emperor, attacked the Byzantine city of Constantinople.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LORTL  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

WHONS  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

TOCENA  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

NEDTOE  
○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Print answer here

○ ○ ○ ○ ○    ○ ○    ○ ○ ○ ○



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**VIKINGS**

H	H	L	E	A	H	T	E	T	A	N	R	O	X
E	A	O	D	I	N	H	G	N	A	N	L	W	S
L	R	L	N	M	G	O	T	X	O	L	E	R	H
M	M	G	A	I	N	R	I	V	U	G	I	O	I
E	O	N	D	R	I	O	E	P	I	L	A	G	E
T	U	L	E	A	X	E	R	E	R	G	R	R	L
R	R	E	T	S	N	O	W	S	N	E	N	A	D
R	O	I	R	R	A	W	G	N	E	L	V	A	I
S	A	X	O	N	E	O	H	V	W	L	A	G	E
D	A	I	S	W	O	R	D	E	S	P	I	N	H
N	N	O	R	W	A	Y	A	I	D	I	S	G	D
M	O	N	R	A	I	D	R	K	K	U	A	N	E
D	A	E	N	O	A	R	N	L	H	R	A	A	M
L	H	N	V	M	E	D	I	E	V	A	L	H	L

- ARMOUR
- AXE
- SAXON
- NORSE
- KIEV
- GREENLAND
- RAID
- SHIELD
- ORNATE
- DRAGON
- PILAGE
- DANE
- HELMET
- ODIN
- THOR
- MEDIEVAL
- WARRIOR
- SWORD
- NORWAY

(... Viking cont'd)

Vikings also voyaged to Iran and Arabia. They were the first Europeans to reach North America, briefly settling in Newfoundland (Vinland). While spreading Norse culture to foreign lands, they simultaneously brought home slaves, concubines and foreign cultural influences to Scandinavia, influencing the genetic and historical development of both. During the Viking Age, the Norse homelands were gradually consolidated from smaller kingdoms into three larger kingdoms: Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

**Common myths of the Vikings'**

Horned helmets were a myth.

The idea Vikings wore them comes from Wagner and other romantic 19th-century images of ancient northern Europe, building on



Genuine horned helmets of the prehistoric period. The Vikings were often depicted with winged helmets and in other clothing taken from Classical antiquity, especially in depictions of Norse gods. This was done to legitimize the Vikings and their mythology by associating it with the Classical world, which had long been idealized in European culture.

**Vikings rarely had beards.**

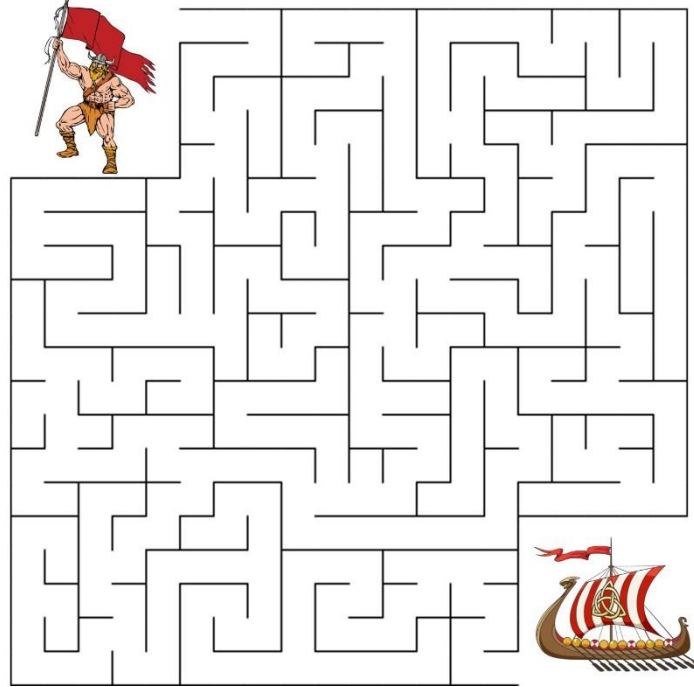
**Chainmail** would have been precious and rare – something for the elite.

'Viking' is a catch-all term for the people who came from Scandinavia, what is now Norway, Denmark and Sweden, between the eighth and 11th centuries, more properly known as the Norse, or Norsemen.

**Greek shields** were more usually seen on the Hoplites, although Vikings did also use them.

**Vikings did sometimes use axes**, though spears and swords were more common.

The latter-day myths created by national romantic ideas blended the Viking Age with aspects of the Nordic Bronze Age some 2,000 years earlier. Horned helmets from the Bronze Age were shown in petroglyphs and appeared in archaeological finds. They were probably used for ceremonial purposes.



**Jumble answers: TROLL, SHOWN, OCTANE, DENOTE SETTLE ON ONE**

**A notorious reputation**

They have long had a notorious reputation as the raiders and pirates of the medieval world and certainly it is not unjustified: their raids were fearsome and long-running. However, they were also explorers and skilled seafarers, managing to spread across Europe and east into Asia, south to northern Africa and as far west as Newfoundland. They established trade routes across the known world and settled in northern Britain, Ireland and among the Franks, forming the Kievan Rūs kingdom on the River Volga. The Norse were initially pagan and targeted the wealthy Christian monasteries in their raids, but they later converted. . But the main source for their culture, beyond what is written by the peoples they encountered, is the sagas, which were written in 13th-century Iceland. . These are the stories of their history – a romanticized mix of truth and legend. .

