



Viking longship investigation



You will need the picture of the longship to help you answer these questions

1 What features of the longship would allow it to go fast?

2 Why would speed be important for a Viking longship?



3 What was the main power source for the longship? The sail or the oars? Why?



4 Which feature of the ship controls its direction?

5 What clues on the ship tells you that it was used for war?



6 How many people would have been on board? What did they all do?

7 Do you think that the picture is of a longship at sea or in harbour?

8 Is the prow (front) or the stern (back) nearest you in the picture?