L.O To find out about life in Viking times by looking at artefacts





Can you guess what this person's job is?

An archaeologist



When an archaeologist finds something from the past , do you know what we call it?



AN ARTEFACT

What can an artefact tell us about the past?



What do you think this is?



A Viking comb and case made from antler bone. It was found in York.



Questions a time detective Might ask.

1.Q. How would you describe the decoration on the comb and case?

A. It is simple and not ornate. It is thought to have belonged to an ordinary person.

2.Q. What do you think the holes on the case are for?

A. The case could be hung from a belt.

3.Q. Guess the length of the comb, the case?

A. The comb is 10cms
B. The case is 14cms

4. Q. What do you think the case was for?

A. The case protected the teeth of the comb.

This is actually one object
What do you think it is?





Q. Can you find a man's name?

A. It is Eric.

Q. There is another word.
Can you read it or guess what it means?.

A. The word is REX .
Rex is a Latin word for King.

Q. Can you find a weapon?

A. There is a Viking sword

It was the sign of St Peter.
But it was also a sign of war.

The coin is made of silver. It was found in York.



Q. Can you describe the shape
In the middle of this side of the coin?

a. The cross was used
on both sides of the Anglo Saxon coins. Eric's later coins show a Viking sword on one side.

The diameter of the coin is 20.5mm
It's weight is 1.22g

The coin of Eric Bloodaxe - The last Viking King of York (England)

The son of Harald Finehair, king of Norway, Eric earned his nickname by murdering several of his brothers in order to become King of Norway. According to later sagas, Eric was unpopular because of the cruelty of his wife Gunnhild. The people gave their support instead to Eric's younger brother, Håkon the Good, who had been brought up in England.
Eric fled to England, and became a smaller king, However, he was not in York all the time and raided Scotland every so often. He was also driven out of York at least twice, and died at the battle of Stainmore in 954.



Viking silver disc brooch. Found in Sutton near Cambridge



Front

Back



Q.1 This brooch was found accidentally
by a farmer. How could that be?

A. He was ploughing a field.

Q.2. The brooch is large and made of silver. What does that tell us about the type of woman who would wear it?

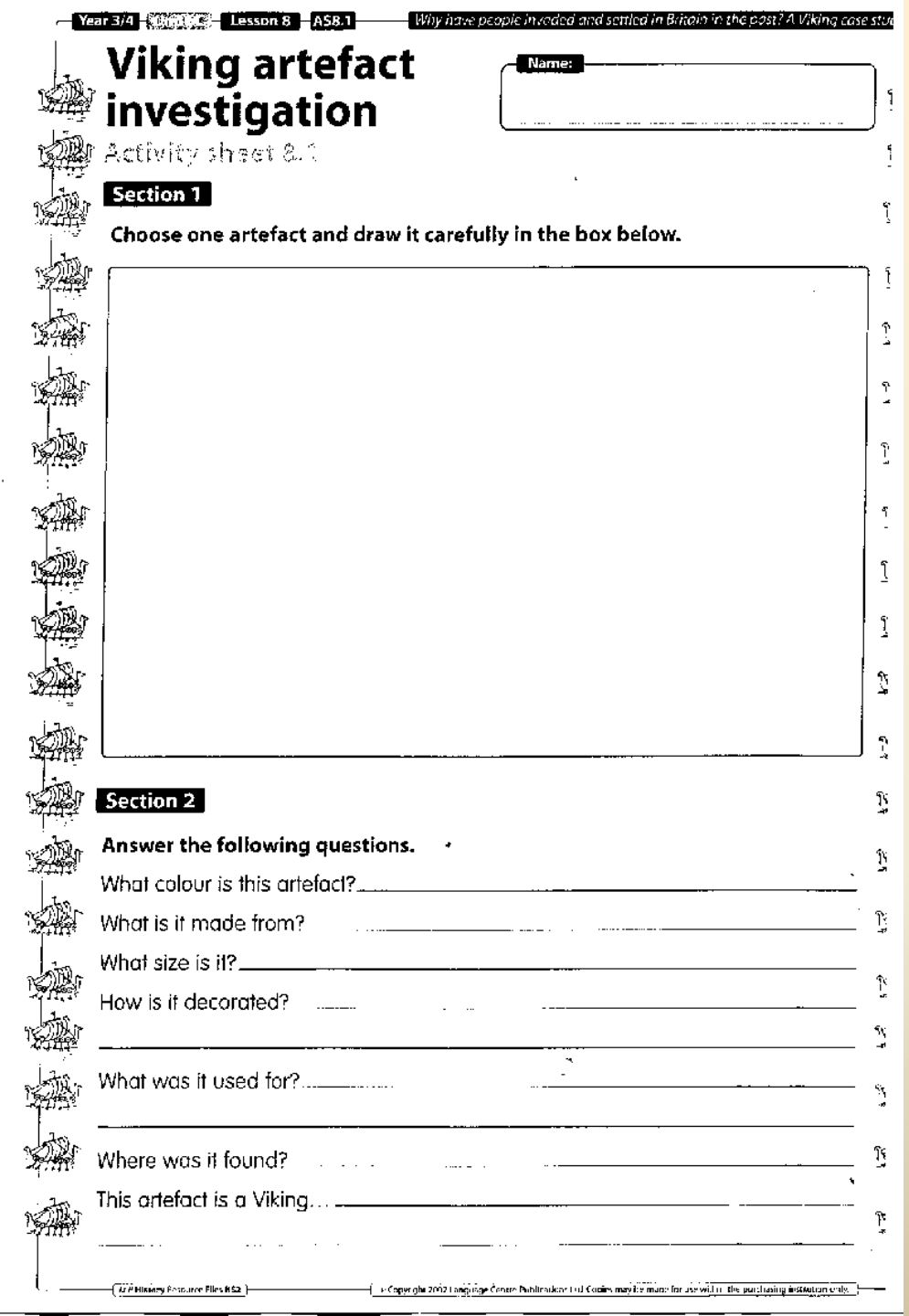
a. She was very rich.

Q.3 Guess the diameter of this brooch?

A. 14.9 cms

Q.4. What decorations can you see on this brooch?

A. Circles, animals, and flowers.



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Viking artefact investigation

Name:

Activity sheet 8.1

Section 1

Choose one artefact and draw it carefully in the box below.

Section 2

Answer the following questions.

What colour is this artefact?

What is it made from?

What size is it?

How is it decorated?

What was it used for?

Where was it found?

This artefact is a Viking...

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An archaeologist keeps
Important notes
on his artefacts.

You will need a picture
of your artefact, a worksheet and a pencil.

Sagas were stories told and retold down the ages by Norse people. Most of them are from Iceland, written down about events that were supposed to have occurred in Norway hundreds of years before. They had to be interesting stories, with acts of bravery. But often they had acts of treachery, too.



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