



Discovery Worksheets

A Viking burial today

The Vikings believed in life after death. Bodies of dead chiefs and warrior heroes were often placed in a longship with articles they used or owned in life (for example, weapons, clothes, jewellery, slain pets and slaves, and food). The boat was then set on fire, and later the charred remains were covered with a mound of earth. Some Viking ships may have been set on fire and pushed out to sea.

Your task is to assemble a Viking 'burial boat' for a modern-day hero. Then you will work out the identities of as many of your classmates' heroes as you can.



Complete the following form for each burial boat you 'uncover' (photocopy as required).

Identifying burial boat number

Examples of objects that indicate what this hero did in life

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Examples of objects that indicate what this hero's interests were

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Examples of objects that seem to have been precious to this person

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Examples of the sorts of clothes this hero often wore

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Who I think this person may be

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Instructions

1. Decide on the modern-day hero for whom you will prepare a burial boat. Don't reveal who it is.
2. Build a burial boat using the templates on the following page.
3. Collect items you think would be important or particular to your modern-day hero. These may be small objects, models you have made, pictures cut from magazines, sketches, and so on. Arrange your objects in the boat. You may need to glue or tape some in place. Include enough items to give at least some clue as to the identity of your hero.
4. Cover your burial boat with a lid.
5. Give your burial boat a unique identifying number (which your teacher may assign). Bring it to school on a set day. When all boats are uncovered, carefully examine the contents of as many of the other boats as you can.

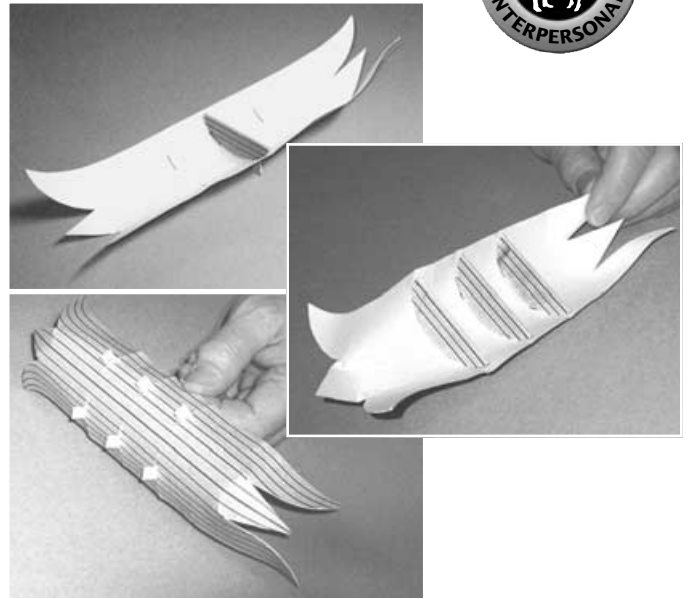
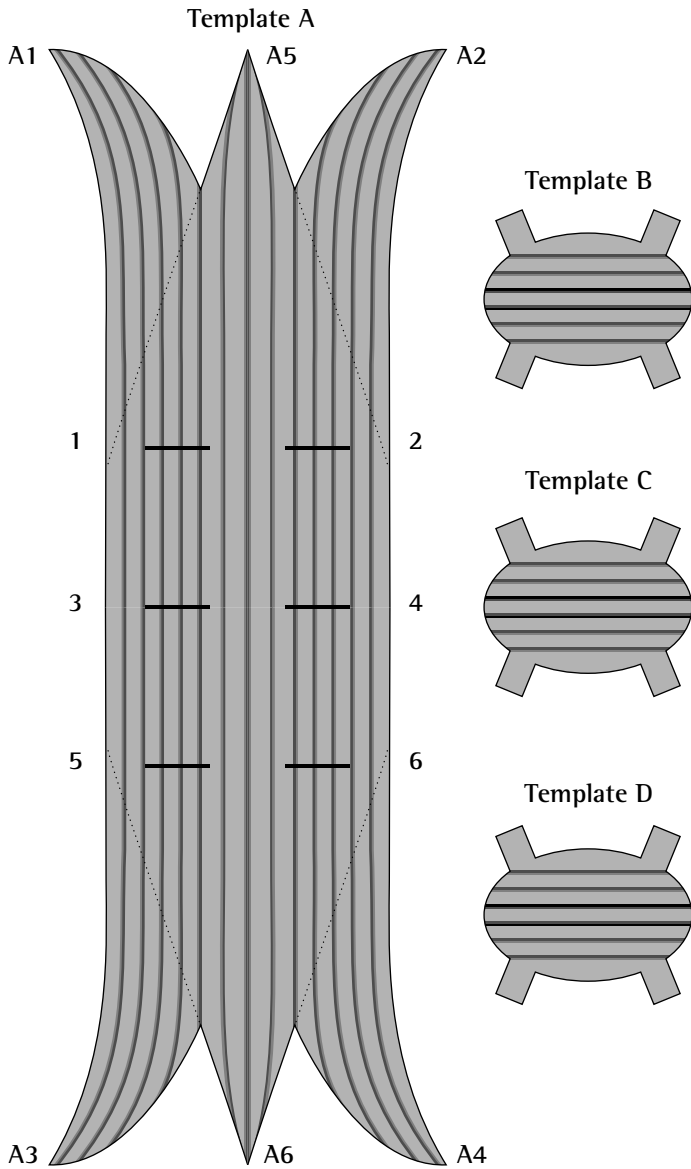


Atlas of Discovery, pp. 30–31;
 thin cardboard; safety knife or sharp scissors;
 quick-drying glue and matt masking tape;
 coloured paints; woollen cloth or canvas;
 pieces of thin dowel (for masts and/or oars;
 magazines, small objects; material such as fabric,
 balsa wood to help you make objects

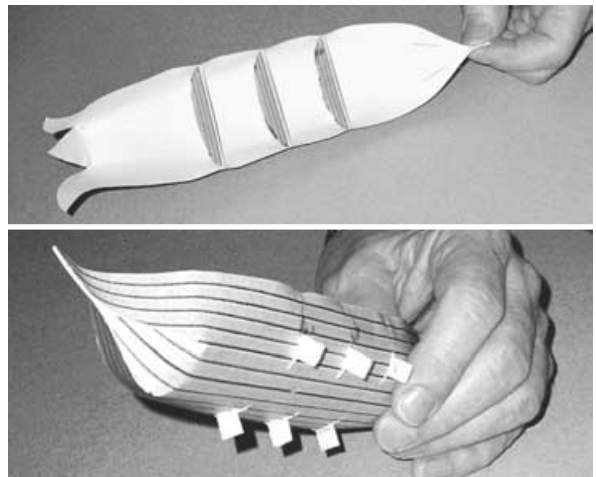


Instructions

1. Photocopy templates A, B, C and D at 200 per cent enlargement and glue them to a sheet of thin cardboard. When completely dry, cut the pieces out with a safety knife or very sharp pair of scissors. Also carefully cut along the slits, marked 1 to 6, in the hull. **Be extremely careful not to cut your fingers.**



4. Bring bow and stern points together (A1 and A2, and A3 and A4), pushing the curved sections A5 and A6 up between these joined sections (on the inside). Secure each end with quick-drying glue or sticky tape. Trim as needed with sharp scissors.



5. Add extras such as a mast, sail, deck, shields (a 10-cent piece is a good-size for a template) and oars as you wish. Make any additions as colourful and as realistic as you can. Finally, paint your completed model.

2. Gently bend template A along the sides and the dotted lines.



3. Fold (along the horizontal) and glue together each hull strengthener (templates B, C and D). When completely dry, push the tabs of each through the slits in the hull (see photographs top right). Tape or glue these strengtheners to the inner sides of the hull. This is fiddly work.

