

# Create your own Viking rune stone

In 878, according to the Anglo Saxon Chronicle records, Vikings arrived at the Fulham Palace Site, before the palace was built. The tale is surrounded with mystery and not that much is known, since not that many archeological finds have been discovered.



Supposedly two Viking army forces led by the Danish Viking king Guthrum encamped at the Fulham Palace site for between one and two years. The two groups split up eventually and one, led by Guthrum settled in East Anglia whereas the other group departed for Belgium where they then began raiding on the other side of the channel.



The Vikings came from Northern Europe, an area that is now Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Most Vikings were peaceful farmers, but they were also known as fearless warriors. In the summers they would often sail across the seas to other countries in order to trade their goods, or sometimes - raid!

The Vikings spoke Old Norse and their alphabet was composed of symbols known as runes. Each rune is composed of combinations of straight lines that made them relatively easy to carve into wood or stone. Far from all Vikings could read and write runes, and therefore to a lot of people the runes seemed to have a magical and divine meaning. Many Vikings thought that you could use runes in order to cast spells, but they were also used to describe significant stories and events.

Since the Vikings were seafaring people and traveled far and wide, runes can be found in many places. However, no one has found any runes at the Fulham Palace site - yet!



This worksheet will teach you to read and write runes. You can also print the rune stone template to create your own rune stone.



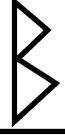



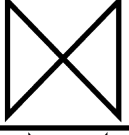





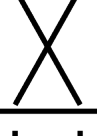
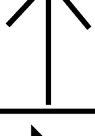





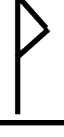




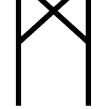
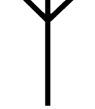
On the next page you will find a runes chart consisting of the latin letters and the translation into runes. Practice writing the different symbols on a piece of paper. Start by writing your own name with runes!

**You will need:**

Coloured pencils

Paper



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<b>J</b>		<b>W</b>	
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<b>L</b>		<b>Y</b>	
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Can you decode the message?

It looks like the Vikings left a message at the Fulham Palace site. Can you help and decode the message?

Use the rune chart on the previous page and translate the runes. The two dots inbetween the runes mark spaces between words.

The answers can be found on the last page of this worksheet.

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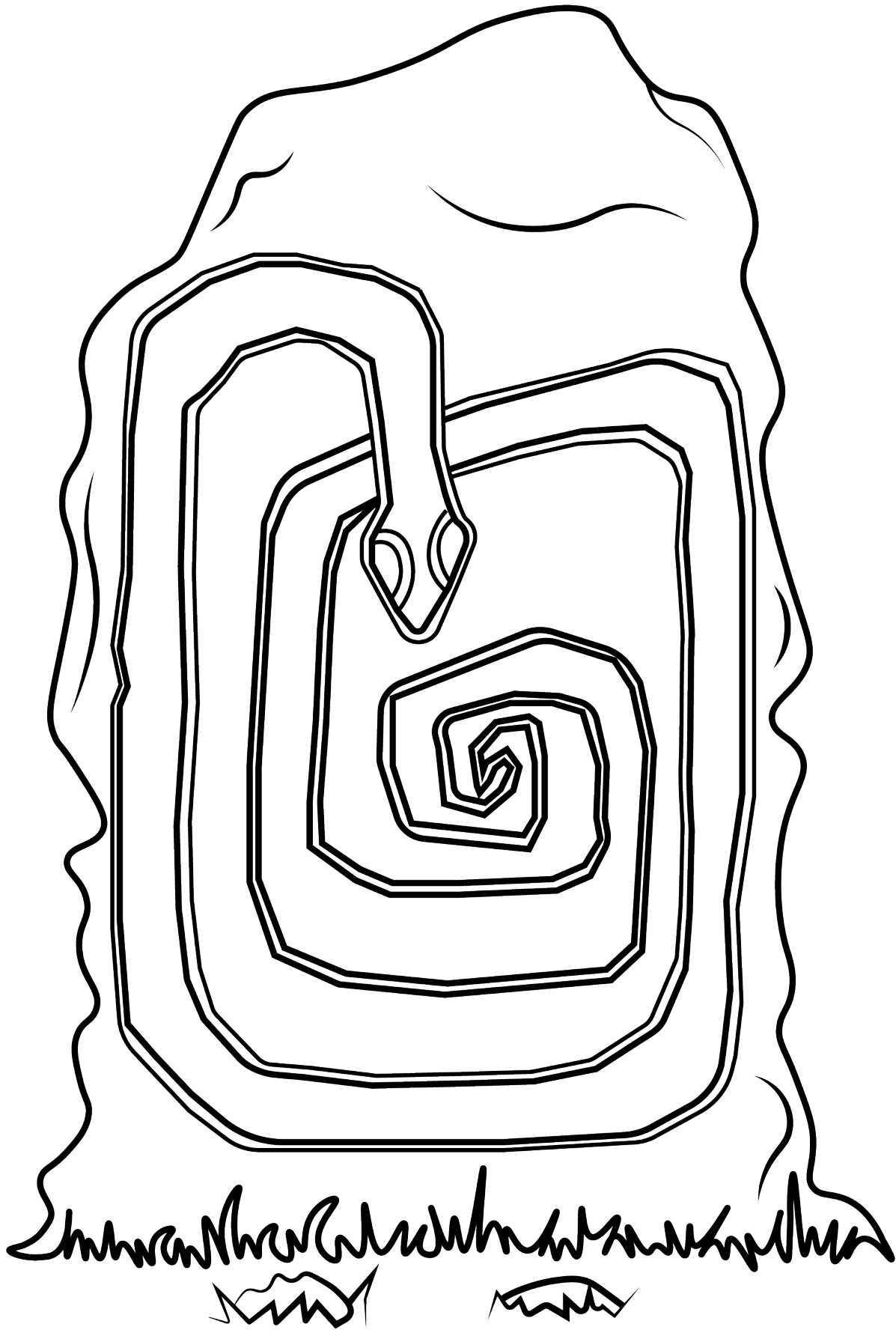


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Print off this page and write your own message using runes. Colour it in with pencils to create your own rune stone!

Tip! The Vikings didn't read from left to right, but from head to tail of the snake.

ANSWERS FOR WORD PUZZLE

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