



## **MANKIND: THE STORY OF ALL OF US**

### **EPISODE 4: WARRIORS**

**THIS WORKSHEET SET INCLUDES, IN ORDER, A 58-QUESTION FILL-IN-THE-BLANK, TRUE OR FALSE, AND SHORT ANSWER WORKSHEET. THE SET ALSO INCLUDES, IN ORDER, AN ANSWER KEY.**

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**Keys Include: Gold, Astronomy, Viking Longship**

**Terms to define: abundant, apocalyptic, ecological, metropolis, remnant, repudiate, revert, stealth, vanguard**



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## THE VANDALS

0:00

1. Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ . At the gates of the Imperial Palace. Gaiseric, know as the '\_\_\_\_\_', chief of the tribe of Germanic warriors: The \_\_\_\_\_. They have crushed Roman armies in North Africa. Now, they are after the riches of \_\_\_\_\_ itself.
2. True or False. The empress of Rome, Licina Eudoxia, is kidnapped by Gaiseric, but the Roman Empire remains fine.
3. True or False. The Vandals are educated and skilled in warfare, not savages.
4. Why is Eudoxia the ultimate prize? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Eudoxia will spend the next \_\_\_\_\_ years at Gaiseric's side. Her daughter, forced to \_\_\_\_\_ his son. The empress of Rome \_\_\_\_\_ by a barbarian.
6. How many centuries did the Roman Empire last? \_\_\_\_\_
7. As Rome disintegrates, barbarian \_\_\_\_\_ seize their opportunity. Angles and Saxons push into \_\_\_\_\_. Franks sweep across Gaul, giving their name to modern \_\_\_\_\_. Visigoths seize what is now \_\_\_\_\_.
8. With the collapse of \_\_\_\_\_, Europe reverts to a \_\_\_\_\_ of war, famine, and savagery.
9. True or False. The essentials of Roman life like aqueducts and writing are not forgotten once their empire collapses.
10. With the \_\_\_\_\_ of Rome, Europe will fragment and stay divided for \_\_\_\_\_ years. But two new forces emerge, \_\_\_\_\_ to the story of mankind. From the frozen North: the \_\_\_\_\_. From the sun baked South: the \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE ARABS & THE SPREAD OF ISLAM

9:20

11. What is buried deep beneath the Arabian Desert? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is the religion practiced in this area? \_\_\_\_\_
13. True or False. The Mahad Al Dahab mine was owned by Al-Hajajj-Al-Bahizi, who was from the same tribe as the Prophet Mohammed.
14. All the gold ever mined comes from outer \_\_\_\_\_, from a time almost four billion years ago, known as the 'heavy bombardment.' \_\_\_\_\_ carrying traces of gold rained down on the earth. Fourteen million times rarer than \_\_\_\_\_, all the gold ever mined would fill just \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic swimming pools.
15. A cave-in at a gold mine in the Arabian \_\_\_\_\_. Owner Al-Hajajj-Al-Bahizi risks his life to save his men and his \_\_\_\_\_. This mine alone will produce \_\_\_\_\_ of gold, worth two billion dollars today.
16. What sparks a boom in trade a new chapter for mankind? \_\_\_\_\_
17. From the trading center of \_\_\_\_\_, a charismatic leader emerges, the Prophet Mohammed, and a new \_\_\_\_\_. In twenty years, \_\_\_\_\_ unites the warring tribes of Arabia.

## CORDOBA

14:30

18. From Mecca, in modern day \_\_\_\_\_, Islam spreads across North Africa and into Europe, dominating lands once controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_. A new civilization reaches into Spain and builds a new city: \_\_\_\_\_.
19. True or False. Abbas Ibn Firnas was an astronomer, engineer, and inventor.
20. What does Ibn Firnas want to do? \_\_\_\_\_
21. Cordoba is \_\_\_\_\_ to half a million Muslims, Christians, and Jews. In Europe's Dark Ages, a beacon of tolerance and \_\_\_\_\_. 37 libraries, the knowledge of mankind, much of it \_\_\_\_\_ from ancient Greece and Rome.
22. What math subject did the Arabs create? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What numbers are still known as Arabic numerals? \_\_\_\_\_
24. True or False. Ibn Firnas dies attempting to fly.

## THE VIKINGS

19:08

25. Fifty years later, two and half thousand miles away, another \_\_\_\_\_ pushing the boundaries of knowledge: Ahmad Ibn Falan. Diplomat, chronicler, devout \_\_\_\_\_ . His mission: to seek out new \_\_\_\_\_ routes. In Russia, he makes contact with people who will dominate northern Europe: the \_\_\_\_\_ .
26. From their native Scandinavia, these Vikings have journeyed \_\_\_\_\_ miles by sea and river, before settling in western \_\_\_\_\_. This country will be \_\_\_\_\_ after them. The Vikings call themselves the Russ, '\_\_\_\_\_':
27. What do the Vikings offer Ibn Falan for trade? \_\_\_\_\_
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29. Ibn Falan arrives in time to see what Viking practice? \_\_\_\_\_
30. True or False. Valhalla is the legendary Viking resting place of chiefs and warriors.
31. Why did one of the slave girls volunteer to be cremated with dead chief?
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32. The Viking chief takes his final journey on his prized possession: his \_\_\_\_\_ .
33. The key to Viking exploration: their \_\_\_\_\_. Built with overlapping \_\_\_\_\_ planks, riveted along the keel, they're strong but \_\_\_\_\_. Powered by sail and \_\_\_\_\_, some can reach \_\_\_\_\_ knots, a good speed for a modern racing yacht.
34. The Vikings launch \_\_\_\_\_ along the coasts of Britain, Ireland, France, and Spain. 30,000 Vikings settle in \_\_\_\_\_ in 60 years, and they set up colonies in \_\_\_\_\_ .
35. Who were the first Europeans to reach North America? \_\_\_\_\_
36. True or False. The Vikings create great cities throughout Europe and convert to Christianity becoming knights, princes, and Norsemen.
37. Who becomes the famous Norsemen that invades Britain and becomes king of England?
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38. The Vikings will be on the frontline of what clash of civilizations? \_\_\_\_\_

## EASTER ISLAND

29:25

39. Easter Island in the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean. Polynesians carve statues from \_\_\_\_\_ with Stone Age tools. Mankind the \_\_\_\_\_.
40. True or False. Hotu Matu'a first led the Polynesians to Easter Island.
41. Without charts or compasses, he has traveled \_\_\_\_\_ miles, to one of the remotest places on \_\_\_\_\_. A volcanic island, half the size of Detroit, in the vast emptiness of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.
42. What is key to crossing the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_
43. On \_\_\_\_\_ Island, entirely alone, they'll create a unique civilization, surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ of their ancestral gods.
44. Known as Moai, the tallest is \_\_\_\_\_ feet high and weighs \_\_\_\_\_ tons, as heavy as the space shuttle.
45. The forests provide all the \_\_\_\_\_ the islanders need. Palm trees 80 feet tall become \_\_\_\_\_ and huts, and \_\_\_\_\_, to transport the Moai. To lift them into place, wooden \_\_\_\_\_ and ropes made from \_\_\_\_\_ fiber.
46. How many Moai do the Easter Islanders build to protect their isolated community? \_\_\_\_
47. What led to the destruction of Easter Island?
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## THE CRUSADES

36:25

48. Religion...the most potent \_\_\_\_\_ in the story of mankind. It has \_\_\_\_\_ civilizations and \_\_\_\_\_ them. As the Easter Islanders pay homage to their ancestral gods, on the other side of the planet \_\_\_\_\_ warriors destroy those of a different faith.
49. Who are the men attacking Jerusalem and intent on butchery? \_\_\_\_\_
50. True or False. Tancred de Hauteville was a Christian knight who waged war on Islam.
51. By the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ century, 600 years after the fall of Rome, the two religions are great \_\_\_\_\_. Christianity dominates in the \_\_\_\_\_ and North, Islam in the \_\_\_\_\_ and South.
52. True or False. Determined to curb the advance of Islam, the Pope calls on Christians to take up arms against the holy city of Jerusalem.
53. Jews revere Jerusalem as the ancient \_\_\_\_\_. Muslims know it as Al Quds, 'The \_\_\_\_\_. From here, the Prophet Mohammed journeyed to \_\_\_\_\_. For Christians, \_\_\_\_\_ was crucified here.
54. What does Pope Urban offer to all those who join the crusades?
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55. With absolution \_\_\_\_\_, nothing holds back the \_\_\_\_\_.
56. True or False. Tancred decides to kill all of the Muslims instead of ransom them.
57. What did Tancred find had happened to his Muslim followers while he had been praying?
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58. The crusades will continue for \_\_\_\_\_ centuries and cost more than a \_\_\_\_\_ lives.