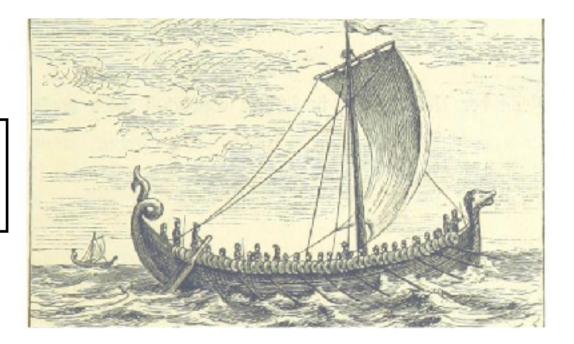
Viking longships were used for a variety of purposes, including for battle. They often had smaller rowing bots on larger vessels to aid with exploring.

They were designed to be rowed in either direction, allowing for quick changes of direction.



The best-preserved Viking ships are housed in the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo's Bygdøy peninsula.

The Viking Longship



The longships were incredibly versatile: they could be used to navigate shallow rivers and the seas. They could also be carried over land due to their light weight.

They were powered by the wind and be oars.