The Vikings
Timeline Cards
Introduction to Chapter 1: The Vikings

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In 476 CE, the fall of Rome completed a long decline for the Western Roman Empire.
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By the end of Emperor Justinian I’s reign in 565 CE, the Eastern Roman Empire—also known as the Byzantine Empire—was on the rise.

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Between the late 700s and the 1000s, Viking raiders invaded parts of Europe.

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Eric the Red found Greenland in 982.
Around 1000 CE, Leif Eriksson made landfall on Vineland, now known as Newfoundland, in North America.

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