

Your Viking name

Vikings did not have surnames. Instead they took their father's name and added 'sson' (which means ...'s son in Viking language) or 'sdottir' (which means ...'s daughter) to it. So if a girl called Bjork had a father called Jon, she'd be called Bjork Jonsdottir. If her brother was called Sam, his full name would be Sam Jonsson.

What would your Viking name be?

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Vikings often had a nickname that described what they were like. So if Sam Jonsson was very tall, he might also have been called Sam the Tall. Bjork might have been very brave – so she would have been called Bjork the Brave. Perhaps Jon had made a great journey some time in his life – he might have been called Jon the Traveller.

What would you like for your Viking nickname?

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Why?

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