Jarlshof Explorer Quiz

Explore the prehistoric settlement with this fun fact-finding mission. Remember to ask the steward if you need any help.

1. Jarlshof was named by Sir Walter Scott in his book The Pirate. What does Jarlshof mean?

2. People were living at Jarlshof from 2,500 BC. How old does that make it now?

3. Who is your favourite of the people who lived at Jarlshof?

4. What is the name of the Viking game?

5. What were quern stones used for? How many can you find?

6. Some houses at Jarlshof are round, and some are... what shape?
7. What do you think the roofs might have been made of?

8. Find the most complete wheelhouse. How many alcoves does it have?

9. What do you think people did, gathered around their fires?

10. Puffins, otters, seals and dolphins are seen at Jarlshof. Draw your favourite of these animals.

11. People once built a tall building like this at Jarlshof. What is this type of building called?

"Need a clue? Look here...
1. This one’s your choice, but keep your eyes peeled – you could see it while you’re here! 11. The tallest one in Europe is on Mousa.
2. The area where midden deposits have been 8. In the north-west wheelhouse. Remember that it would have been very dark.
5. How might you make a big thing smaller? 6. Think of the Viking houses. Think of the shape and story? People would have used what was available in 7. People would have used what was available in 9. Remember that it would have been very dark; 10. This one’s your choice, but keep your eyes peeled – you could see it while you’re here!
3. That’s up to you! 4. You can play it in the exhibition. 5. Add 2,500 to the year we’re in now; 2. Add 2,500 to the year we’re in now; 3. That’s up to you! 4. You can play it in the exhibition."