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Please answer all three questions. You can answer the questions in English or Norwegian.

1. The functions of the futhark inscriptions from the Migration Age to the Medieval Ages.

Comment upon examples like the Kylver stone from the Migration Period, the Gørlev stone from the Viking Age and the futhark sticks in the Medieval Ages. Focus on the following questions:

- On what kind of objects do we find futhark inscriptions?
- What were the functions of the futhark inscriptions?
- Why were they carved and who carved them?

Pictures and transliterations are given on pages 2 and 3.

2. Contextualize, transliterate and translate:

✦ þ̥n̥r̥i̥r̥: 4n̥f̥: *4n̥4r̥þ̥r̥: r̥4i̥h̥[1]n̥. '14i̥t̥: þ̥[4]t̥' | .4[ʃ̥1]... [---]
✦ 1n̥t̥i̥f̥. n̥i̥t̥1[r̥]. *4[ʃ̥]þ̥i̥: ʃ̥r̥[1'1]i̥t̥. 1n̥ʃ̥r̥. n̥ʃ̥. r̥i̥[1.1.]t̥[n̥:]r̥i̥ʃ̥ |

Make sure you include comments concerning the artifact where the inscription appears, the content of the inscription, the historical context, the date, and the function of the inscription.

3. Runic inscriptions in Latin language in the Scandinavian countries during the Medieval Ages.

- What kind of inscriptions do we find?
- On what type of artifacts are Latin inscriptions found?
- What were the functions of the inscriptions?
- What do the inscriptions say about literacy and Latin knowledge in Scandinavia in the Medieval Ages?



Photo of inscription in question 2.