**Social Lives**

* Travelers were advised to make noise on the road so that they wouldn’t be mistaken for outsiders
* Played games such as dice and play the harp
* During feasts and church services someone played the harp
* Male slaves were used as farm laborers
* Women did fine embroidery

**Weapons**

* Spears were carried by men of all classes
* Spears were thrown towards opponents faces
* Two types: thrusting and wing
* Javilian was long with a barb at the end
* Knives were a symbol of freedom
* Two types of axes: throwing axe and close battle axe
* Swords were not common – usually upper class and passed down
* Sword hilts were made from bone and wrapped in leather

**Religion**

* Believed in worshipping nature
* Valued material things (money, etc.)
* Did not believe in afterlife
* To be immortal you needed to be famous
* Tiw, Thor, Woden, Friya (Gods) – became the days of the week
* Buried women with their men

**Life of a Lord**

* Upper class lords lived on large estates and lived in one main hall
* Halls were decorated with expensive fabrics
* Lord and his men feasted in the halls
* Several social classes
* King was the most superior, a war hero and took care of his men
* Man who was immediately under the king was called a thane and had to own a certain amount of land
* People could sell their kids to pay off debts
* Slavery was not permenant, they could work their way out of it

**Clothing**

* Primary garment was a knee-length woolen tunic
* Rich men would be able to afford woolen pants and a knife which showed they were free
* Linen and wool; colorful dyes showed you were rich
* Cross-gartering on men’s tights to keep their shoes up
* Brooches were used to fasten clothing and they had amulets for good luck
* Head gear was worn warriors
* Women wore woolen dresses that were ankle-length
* Christians wore head coverings

**Women**

* Roles depended on social status
* Roles: mother, wife, care-giver, and teacher
* Could choose to refuse a marriage proposal
* Peace-weaver: a woman who marries a man from a different tribe in order to keep the peace between the two tribes
* Wife’s role: see to slaves, store rooms, make clothes, and play hostess
* Husband cooked and the wife served the drinks
* Women could own land
* Men would present a gift to convince a woman to get married
* Would ask the father for permission