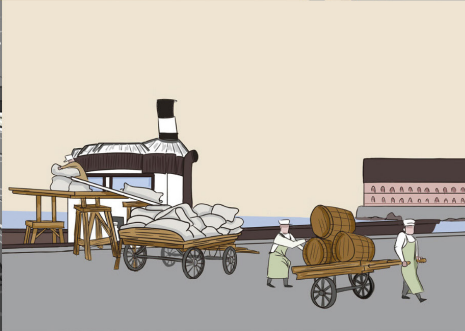
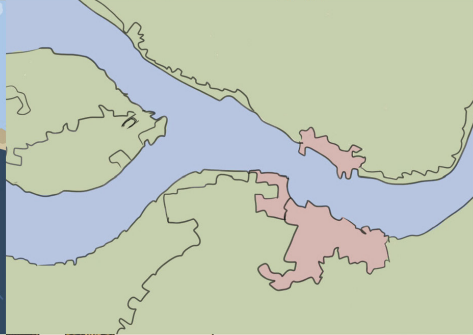
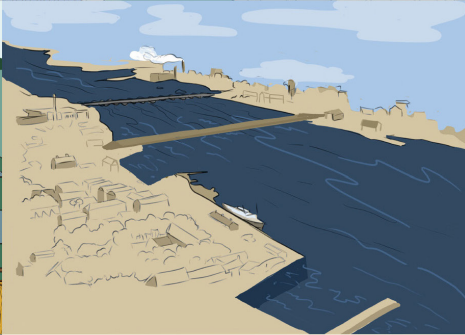


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and Today's City of Knowledge

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The History of Aalborg

I am Line, and I will guide you through the story of how Aalborg goes from small, scattered farms to being the fourth biggest city of Denmark.

Aalborg's evolution involves several different people and events, so the story can become a bit tangled. Along the way, you may encounter some old-fashioned or strange words. But do not lose hope, there is help to be found in the term explanations as you go. These term explanations are written into Aalborg's coat of arms.

The illustrations have been created with the intention of portraying the past as accurately as possible, but may be subject to creative stylizations and uncertainties about the city's past appearance.

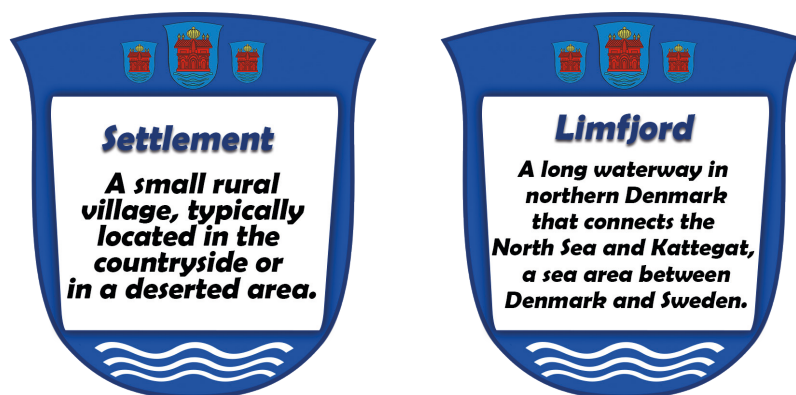


One of the First Settlements

Lindholm Høje was founded in the 5th century and was one of the first settlements in the area we today know as Aalborg.

The settlement was located on one of the hilltops in Nørresundby, where it had direct access to the Lindholm stream. From here, the villagers kept watch of the ships on the Limfjord. In the Iron Age and throughout the following ages, the Limfjord functioned as a highway. Because of this, it was important to scout for strange ships, whose intentions were unknown.

In the 6th century, two additional settlements appeared in the Aalborg area. They were called Bejsebakken and Sdr. Tranders.





Lindholm høje

Bejse bakken

Sdr. Tranders

In Lindholm Høje, the villagers led a peaceful life of farming and trading. This meant that the settlement had very few warriors. But the villagers still had an enemy: The recurring drifting sand.

The drifting sand made it difficult to cultivate the land and live in the area. In the 8th century, the drifting sand worsened, and it simultaneously became harder to sail up the Lindholm Stream as the ships were being built larger.





Around the year 750, a landing site emerged at the narrowest point of the Limfjord.

Several villagers of Lindholm Høje sought refuge from the drifting sand at this landing site. Larger ships could dock there, and it was easier to trade and live.

By the 11th century, Lindholm Høje had disappeared completely, while the population by the landing site grew.



