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LEIF ERIKSON DAY!

Leif Erikson Day, celebrated on October 9th, honors the Norse explorer Leif Erikson, believed to be the first European to set foot in North America, approximately 500 years before Christopher Columbus.

Directions: Use your math skills to find the value of each icon and the '?' in the puzzle below.

$$\text{Viking Head} + \text{Viking Head} = 10$$

$$\text{Viking Head} + \text{Map} = 9$$

$$11 - \text{Map} = \text{Ship}$$

$$\text{Viking Head} + \text{Ship} + \text{Map} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = _____

Answer Key:

Leif Erikson=5

Map=4

Ship=7

?=16

Fun Fact: Leif Erikson reportedly discovered North America by accident. According to the sagas, Erikson set sail from Greenland to help fellow Norsemen in trouble in Norway but was blown off course and ended up on the shores of what is now believed to be Canada. This accidental voyage led to the Norse exploration and temporary settlement of areas like Newfoundland, long before Columbus' arrival in the Americas, highlighting the remarkable seafaring skills of the Vikings.