

In the year 793 the Holy Island of Lindisfarne was raided by Vikings



It was one of the first Viking raids in our land



Look at the picture from the film. The monk is collecting shellfish for food.



He has seen passing trading ships.



He has never seen Viking boats.







The prow of Viking longboats were carved in the shape of dragons, serpents and monsters.
They were designed to strike terror into the hearts of enemies.



As he stood on the sands, what would he have thought was appearing in the mists?



A monstrous head…

Red eyes…

A long neck…



A sea serpent?

A hideous creature sent by God?

A demon?



Task 1: Make a few notes. Collect a few good words to describe what he may have thought was appearing through the mist?



As it came closer to the shore, it would have started to hear strange voices in a strange tongue.



Maybe he would have heard the beating of a drum.



He would have realised that this was a ship.
A boat unlike any he had seen before.



He would have realised that this ship was bringing terror to the Holy Island.



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-Describe what you thought you saw through the mist.

-What did you think it was at first?

-As it drew closer did you change your mind about what it was?

-Give clues as to how you felt.



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Do not describe any more of what you saw in the video!

Your description should end with the boat still 40 or 50 metres from the shore.



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