



A reminder of yesterday’s work…



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



It was one of the first Viking raids in our land



The monk is collecting shellfish for food.



Although, he has seen passing trading ships, he has never seen Viking boats.



We asked you to describe what would he have thought was appearing in the mists, as he stood on the sands.

Here are some of your ideas…



…a strange mysterious and dark shape in the sea mist

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In the distance I saw a hideous creature coming towards me. The creature was huge and loathsome, like a fierce, fiery, frightening dragon.



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… god had sent down this peculiar creature to savage us.

From beneath the waves, parting the mists, the neck of a demonic serpent rose.

The wrath of God was upon us. What sins had we committed to anger him?



The sounds of strange voices and
strange tongues drifted with the mist.

Beating drums … the rhythm of death itself…

Repetitive, insistent pounding of drums

I saw that it was no demon



Task 1:

Read through the sentences sent by children once more.

This time, write down words, phrases or ideas that you think that you could use or be inspired by when you write later in the week.



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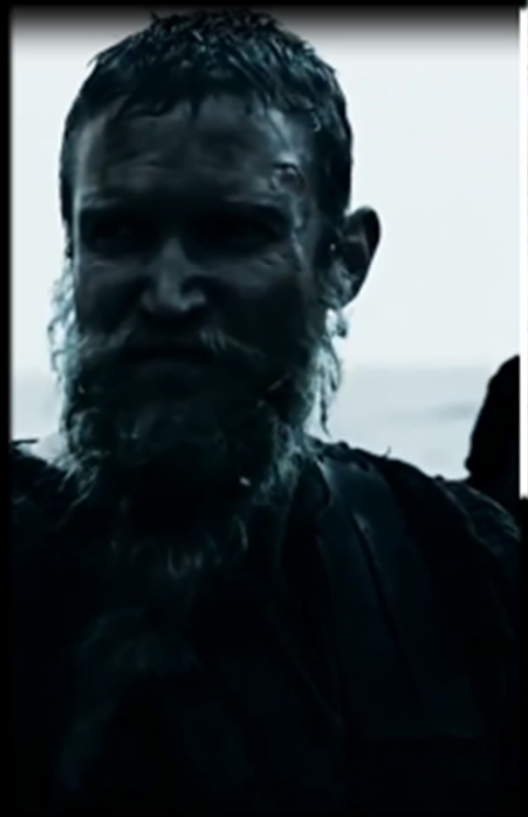


As the ship nears, the monk drops his basket and runs to hide in the dunes.

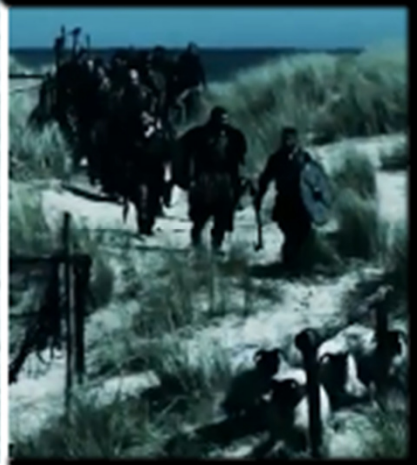


He hides in the long marram grass, in the dunes and watches the strangers gather on the beach.













The men looked unlike any men he’d seen before.



Saxon men cut their hair very simply and looked very similar.



These men had hair shaped and shaved in strange ways.



Even their beards were shaped. Some wore beads in their hair and beard.



The strangers were very tall compared to the average Saxon.



They wore strange clothes and the furs of animals on their shoulders.



They carried swords, war axes and shields.



Task 2:

Use powerful and inventive language to describe these strangers.

Go back and play the previous slides to remind you of the things that the Saxon monk would have noticed.

Your description should convey their terrifying appearance.

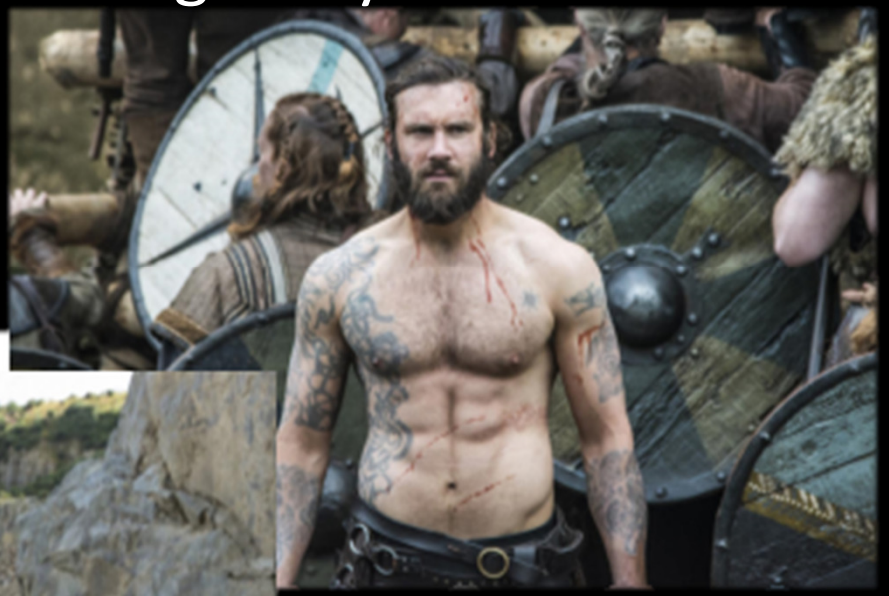


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Saxons did not tattoo themselves.

The monk would never have seen tattoos.
He would not have a word to describe them.



Task 3: Draft phrases and sentences that the monk would have used to describe the tattoos on the skin of the starngers.









Don’t forget to send your work to us.

