



A reminder of yesterday’s work…

Our monk cowers 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.

We asked you to describe what he saw





“terrifying armour and weapons … glistened in the sun”

“I feared that an army of murderous giants had come to our shores”

“they wore the skins of animals like trophies around their necks”

“This clan of humans wore wild animals on their shoulders”



“dark hearts”

“These were no travellers or merchants… they were men of war”

“Great swords hung from their leather belts and strange furs hung from their shoulders”

“evil had been drawn on their body”

“curious symbols and animals painted on their skin”



“They looked like the markings of the devil himself”

“ungodly savages”

“Fearsome men with painted faces”

“the markings of the devil himself”



“they beat their shields, pounding an unholy rhythm of war”



Task 1:

Go back and 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.





Task 2:

Choose one of your sentences from yesterday and improve it.

-look for opportunities for making your descriptions more powerful.



Good writers create an atmosphere. They convey emotions by describing what somebody does and how their body reacts.

We want to build an atmosphere of terror



Read this paragraph.
What are the clues that he is in a state of terror?

“I cowered behind the marram grass, fearful that the smallest of movements would reveal my presence. Despite the morning chill, I could feel small beads of sweat gathering on my forehead. I cradled the cross around my neck and drew it closer to my beating heart.”



Task 3:

Create a bank of words, phrases or sentences that will convey the fear and terror of the monk.
How will you show that he is so afraid?

Don’t worry about creating a full paragraph – try to jot down as many ideas as possible.



Task 4: Thesaurus work

Tomorrow you will write your account from the viewpoint of the monk.

The monk does not know who these people are, so can't use the word "Vikings".

We need a bank of nouns to refer to the men. Here are a few to get you started. Use wordhippo.com to develop your own word bank

invader heathen barbarian



Task 5: Thesaurus work

We will also need a word bank of adjectives to describe the men

Here are a few to get you started. Use wordhippo.com to develop your own word bank.

intimidating

Godless

fearsome

merciless