



St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year Four Knowledge Organiser – Summer Term Two – English Reading and Writing

Quality Text and Author: Viking Boy – Tony Bradman



Plot: Viking Boy by Tony Bradman is a historical adventure novel about a young Viking boy named Gunnar. His peaceful life is destroyed when raiders led by Skuli attack his village, kill his father, and capture his mother. Gunnar escapes and swears revenge. During his journey, Gunnar faces battles, slavery, dangerous sea voyages, and encounters with figures from Norse mythology such as Valkyries and Odin. The story combines real Viking history with fantasy and mythological elements, showing Gunnar growing from a frightened boy into a brave warrior. The book explores themes of courage, revenge, destiny, family, and loyalty, while also teaching readers about Viking culture and beliefs. It is known for its fast-paced action and exciting adventures.

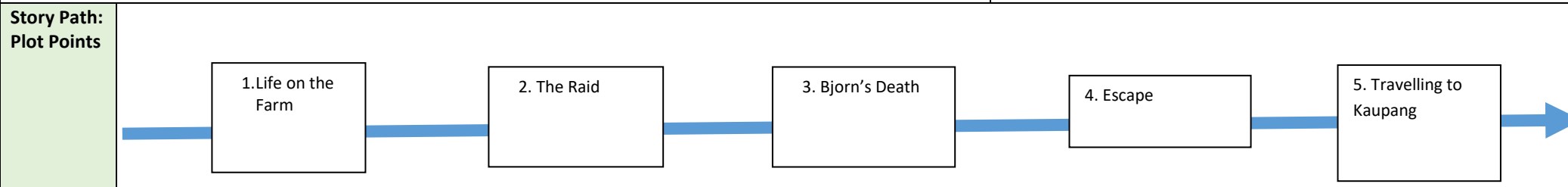
Final Outcome – Narrative first person retelling with innovation

Reason – to produce a story to read to class

Audience – classmates/children

Features – story sequence, character, setting, point of view, figurative language

Tone – to entertain



Themes	Viking culture Family and loyalty	Violence and conflict Fear and betrayal	Revenge Loss and grief	Survival Courage	Trust and deception Independence
Vocabulary	steading cheiftain fjord	raiders berserker plunder	Blood oath Valhalla Valkyries	Pursue Wilderness Despair	Merchant Ambush Threatening
Features	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery	paragraphs imagery
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