

## Preview to Viking Assembly

### Viking Assembly Play

Ever wondered about those men in long boats with silly horny helmets? Want to find out more about Ethelred, Egbert and Ethelwulf? (No relation of Engelbert Humperdink – ask your gran about him!). Ever wondered why a wet suit might have been Number One on King Canute's Christmas list? Let Sven (Erikksen) answer these and other questions.

#### SAMPLE TEXT

#### Viking Assembly

1. *Fog on the Tyne – Lindisfarne*

#### Scene 1 Lindisfarne. St. Cuthberts church.

*Monk 1: What a gift of a morning! What say you, brother Marcus?*

*Monk 2 (Marcus): Oh indeed. Praise the Lord!*

*Monk 3: (peering into distance): Seems a bit foggy to me ..maybe I shouldn't have had that second bottle of mead! (Clutching head) Strong stuff!*

*Monk 1: But what strange looking birds do I see on the horizon?*

*Monk 2: No, no. They're boats. No doubt lost their way whilst puffin-spotting off the Farne Islands.*

*Monk 3:*

*Er, they don't look much like puffin-spotters to me ... not all dressed up in that kind of fancy gear. And they don't look mighty friendly.*

*Monk 1: Oh brother! You're right. Let's hope their manners don't match their looks!*

*(Vikings rush onto stage)*

1. *The Boys are Back in Town – Thin Lizzy*

#### TEACHING 'COVERAGE'

### 3. Unit 6C Viking Assembly

- (i) Where Vikings came from
- (ii) Lindisfarne pillage
- (iii) Kings:
  - Ethelred the Unready
  - Egbert, King of Wessex
  - Ethelwulf, father of Alfred the Great
  - Alfred the Great (Danelaw)
  - Sweyn
  - Edmund Ironside
  - Canute
  - Harold
  - William
- (iv) System of law (The Thing)
- (v) Trade/Reasons for Settling
- (vi) Valhalla (Gods)
- (vii) Poets and explorers, plus famous Viking rulers

### MUSIC

#### 1. Celtic Music - Nine Points of Roguery, Live at Passim - The Boys of the Lough

- 2. Fog on the Tyne - Lindisfarne
- 3. Boys are Back in Town - Thin Lizzy
- 4. Our House - Madness
- 5. I can't stand up for falling down - Elvis Costello
- 6. Neighbours Theme Tune
- 7. Holiday - Madonna; or Summer Holiday - Cliff Richard
- 8. Whatever You Want - Status Quo
- 9. Riders of the Storm - Doors