

LO: I am learning to understand a historical narrative.

1. Reread the questions on the last two pages of chapter 13. Which questions are rhetorical and which require an answer?

Rhetorical questions:

What does that matter?

What was your brother's name, Rurik?

Do you think he would have wanted you to die a slaves death?

Who am I to argue?

How long had it taken to cover the distance from the posts to the quayside?

Where are you?

What if Ari had guessed what they'd done?

Questions requiring an answer:

Did I hear you say you had a knife?

And where did you get it?

2. Why does Rurik feel guilty about his brother? Is he right to feel like this? Explain your answer.

Rurik feels guilty because he had always fought next to his brother and the only time he wasn't around his brother was killed in an attack. He wasn't there because he was drunk the night before and was recovering in bed. He feels that had he been there, his brother would still be alive.

Your own opinion should then be given with an explanation.

3. Individual responses - you can email these to your teacher if you want to check them.

4. What is Viglaf thinking whilst Thorkel tells him their story?

He is thinking that he does not want to anger Orm and that although he owes a favour, it is clear that Thorkel has played a part in the burning hall and does not want to help him for fear of being killed by Orm.

5. The correct order is:

Thorkel finds Gunnar and Rurik alive.

3

Gunnar discovers the name of the boat.

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Rurik explains he has betrayed his brother.

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Viglaf agrees to taking Gunnar, Rurik and Thorkel on-board his boat.

4

Gunnar begins to free himself from the ropes.

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