

LO: I am learning to understand a historical narrative.

1. Using the example from the text and the definition, can you write a sentence with the word bedraggled in it?

Thorkel and Rurik were still talking, but Gunnar had stopped listening. He reached into the pocket of his leggings and pulled out the feather the old man – Odin – had left for him. He had nearly lost it several times, and it was bent and bedraggled, its spine broken. Odin had told him he would fly with the eagle to the Land of Ice and Fire, and here he was on a ship called the Sea Eagle. Was the feather just a symbol of that, or did it mean something more?

Bedraggled meaning: soiled and stained by or as if by trailing in mud, or left wet and limp by or as if by rain.

Individual response given - you can share your sentence with your teacher if you want to check your sentence.

2. Write about the event that happened on the ship with the feather from the point of view of Viglaf. Try to include the following words: **prow**, **screeched** and **merged**. Remember to spell **feather** correctly! Use the sentences below to help you get started:

Gokstad. That is as far as I was prepared to take Thorkel and his clan of criminals. But then that sorcerer, Gunnar, changed things. I was just informing them of my decision, watching Thorkel through useless threats at me, when I saw a glow appear before my eyes!

Individual response given - share your entry with your teacher for marking.

3. How do you know that Gunnar is afraid of failing his quest?
He is afraid of failing his quest because he says 'what if I can't fulfil my oath?' He is worried about what would happen if he fails.