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Last lesson, you completed a diamond 9 for Odin. Referring to the text extracts, explain your reasons for your choice of the top and bottom words on you diamond 9.

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Circle the words on the sheet that you think could fit with this extract from Viking Boy.

WHO WAS ODIN?

As the world's greatest pirates, naturally the Vikings worshipped a one-eyed god—Odin. He was head of the gods the mystical, unpredictable god of wisdom, poetry and battle. His pet ravens, Hugin and Munin, flew around the world everyday and brought him the news. His favourite weapon was the spear, and he rode the eight-legged horse named Sleipnir.

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He was also known as the All Father, God of Cargoes, Father of Battle and God of Hanged men. This last nickname is tied to the picturesque custom of hanging dead bodies in the trees around Norse temples as sacrifices to Odin. Yes, that includes dead humans.

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Apparently Odin was a bit of a masochist: he sacrificed his eye to drink from the spring of wisdom; he hung himself for nine days from Yggdrasil, the tree at the centre of the world, in order to learn the secret meaning of runes; and once, he took on the shape of a giant snake to befriend a giant's daughter and trick her into giving him the mead of inspiration. Not surprisingly, people hardly ever named their children after Odin.

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Using the text extracts and the word list, complete the diamond nine by writing in nine words that you think best describe Odin.

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