



GET YOUR SCHOOL WRITING



Bring the Vikings to your hall

- *Beowuff* Author Robin Price will inspire your pupils with this cross-curricular event that covers reading, history and writing
- Brilliant for encouraging reluctant writers
- Not just an author reading out their book

Your pupils will get to:

- Write their own Viking stories or 'Skaldic' poems
- Plan a Viking raid and tell tales in the feast-hall
- 'Battle' each other in a fun quiz

A whole day of activities:

- One hour 'interactive' assembly
- Followed up with creative writing workshops in class

For availability and prices, call **0845-8385-526** email info@mogzilla.co.uk or visit www.mogzilla.co.uk/events



Beowuff artwork by Chris Watson

Viking dog Beowuff is all bark and no bite, a disgrace to the memory of his fierce ancestors. His adventures echo the ancient tale of Beowulf (1000 A.D.), one of the earliest recorded poems in Old English.

About the author's work in schools

"Robin's (Spartapuss) sessions not only gave children a structure for planning a story, but really excited and inspired them so that they couldn't wait to get writing!" – R. Smith, Deputy Head Trafalgar Junior School

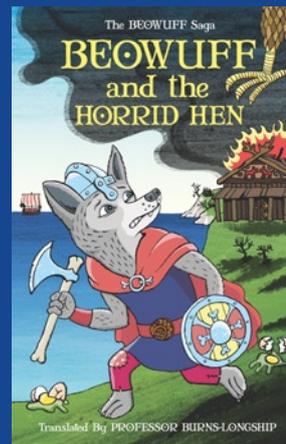
"Thank you very much for your work with us this week. I was amazed at how engaged our pupils were - you really caught their imagination and made the sessions enjoyable for them." – Michelle, National Skills Curriculum Coordinator, The Albany Business and Enterprise College

"Thank you for visiting our school. I thought that the game was BRILLIANT" – Aqsa (aged 11)

"The children & teachers all thought it was brilliant and I know they will have got a lot out of it." – Margaret Pemberton, School Library Service

About the BEOWUFF series

- Set in the Viking era, in a world ruled by dogs
- Gets pupils aged 7-12 into history
- Ties in with KS1 & 2 (Year 3/4): Invaders & KS2 History. See www.mogzilla.co.uk/curriculum

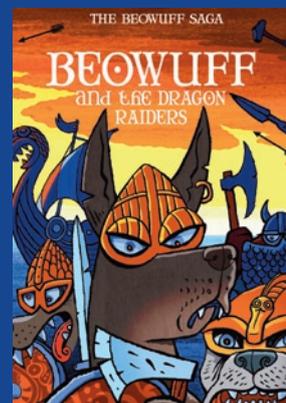


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'A hilarious reimagining of the poem combining shamelessly silly wordplay (for example, our furry and fallible hero must defeat Hendel, an evil, giant chicken) with authentically Anglo-Saxon literary language & conceits.'
Teach Primary Magazine

'Great fun to read aloud and share with a class.'
www.parentsintouch.co.uk

'Older children will love the inventive vocabulary... a great way to introduce this classic tale.'
Scholastic Education



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Robin Price is the author of the *Beowuff* series. He has also written five *Spartapuss* adventures as well as the graphic novel *London Deep* which was chosen as a **Recommended Read for World Book Day 2011**. Robin also writes for Tall Stories Theatre Company. He co-wrote songs for musicals based on Julia Donaldson's bestsellers *The Gruffalo* and *Room On the Broom*.



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WRITE YOUR OWN VIKING STORY



1. GIVE YOUR CHARACTERS VIKING NAMES:

NAMES (VIKINGS DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS 'SON OF' OR 'DAUGHTER OF' SOMEONE I.E. ULF SON OF ERIK)

MALE NAMES:

ARNE	ERIK	ROLF	VIDAR	IVAR	INGE	OLAV	ULF
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FEMALE NAMES:

ASTRID	GUDRUN	RAGNHILD	HILDA	FREYA	INGRID	BRYNHILD	SIV
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2. CHOOSE A LOCATION:

WHERE WILL YOUR STORY HAPPEN?

WOOD	BEACH	KING'S HALL	LONGSHIP	ISLAND	HUT	OCEAN	ENEMY VILLAGE
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3. CHOOSE A VIKING OBJECT:

BROADSWORD	HAMMER	AXE	COINS	RUNESTONE	KEY	HORN	BROOCH	CUP
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4. HOW DOES THE OBJECT COME INTO YOUR STORY?

5. WRITE A SIMPLE PLAN:

EXAMPLE PLAN:

- 1. Olav is sick of being poor, so he decides to join King Ivar's war band.*
- 2. The King agrees to take Olav along on the next raid, but he must swear to be loyal. Bravery is a given.*
- 3. As the raiders approach the enemy shore, there is a terrible storm.*
- 4. Olav gets swept overboard and has to swim for it.*
- 5. On the seabed, he finds a silver cup.*
- 6. By the time he swims ashore, he has missed the battle.*
- 7. Will the King believe his story?*

STORY-WRITING TIPS:

1. Don't plan too much! Just plan enough to get the 'shape' of your story.
2. You can also write down things for your characters to say in the plan.
3. When your plan is finished, read it back carefully and tweak it.
4. When you are happy with your plan, start writing your story in full.

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