



Y4: Newspaper Article

Audience:

First News

Purpose:

To inform

Genre:

Journalistic Writing

Learning Journey



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NEWCASTLE STAR

VIKING HELMET SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON BRITISH HISTORY

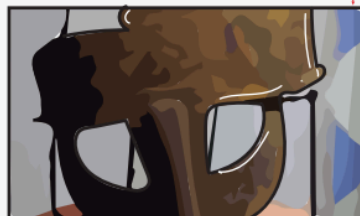
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Astounded archaeologists were stunned yesterday as they confirmed the first Viking helme

The incredibly delicate item was found in Chapelton near Hartlepool by workmen working on improving the sewers. Investigations have confirmed the corroded, damaged artefact is a rare, 10th century Anglo-Scandinavian helmet. Amazingly, it is only the second near-complete Viking helmet found in the whole world.

Analysis of the metal and corrosion was completed by a team of archaeologists led by Dr. Horatio Jones. It took the archaeologists over three years to finally reveal its past, but now they are confident they have dated it accurately and understand how it was used by a Viking warrior

Dr. Horatio Jones, who is a senior lecturer at the University of Newcastle, said: "It was a very complex and difficult project due to the fact the iron is so thin. It is only 1-2mm thick, so very special care needed to be taken. It had to be kept in dry conditions in our museum, so there was no further corrosion. Our findings confirmed the waterlogged conditions helped to preserve it. Thankfully, it was found before serious corrosion would have happened."



The helmet is currently on show at the University of Newcastle Museum.

Ambitious Vocabulary

Newspaper Features



Purpose

News articles are informative and tell you facts about an event. They explain:

- what happened
- when the event happened
- where the event happened
- who it happened to
- why the event happened

Layout

- News articles have a large, snappy headline to draw the reader's interest.
- The text is split into columns and paragraphs to make it easier to read.
- Pictures and captions give the reader more information.



Language

News articles are usually quite formal and serious. The language isn't too complicated, so everyone can understand it. They use the past tense and the third person.



Speech

News articles often use direct or reported speech to show people's opinions, emotions or experiences of the event.

Book Link - Viking Boy

Viking Boy is the coming of age story of Gunnar, whose peaceful life on his family steading is shattered forever by raiders. As his father dies, protecting his family, and his mother is taken prisoner by the raiders Gunnar swears a blood oath to avenge his family and to take back his life.

