

# THE SCAR GATHERER

## WORKSHEET 1

### THE STORYTELLER

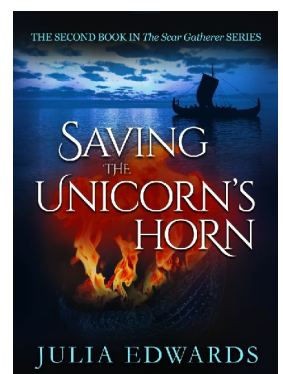
*Joe goes with Lucy's family to hear the story teller who has come to Jorvik.*

'The story was in rhyme ... The language was much more flowery than Joe was used to, and it took him some time to realise that 'wound dew' meant 'blood' and the 'whale's road' was the sea ...

... then the second story began, of a ship crossing the sea to a new country, of storms and fierce winds, and a monster curled around an island, keeping the people who lived there prisoners.'

*Chapter 9*

*Can you write the story of the monster curled around the island? Try to think of your own poetic ways of describing things, like 'wound dew' or the 'whale's road'. Draw a picture of the monster to go with it.*



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## WORKSHEET 2

### THE UNICORN'S HORN

'After a bit, Joe said, "The horn your father mentioned, is that supposed to be the unicorn's horn?"

"Sssh!" Lucy's eyes flared and she looked around quickly to see if he'd been overheard ... "Yes, it is! Mattheus told me ... It belonged to my grandfather. He brought it back with him from one of his voyages far away ... There were words that came with it. Mattheus told me. I don't know where from, perhaps from the unicorn itself." She recited solemnly:

*"Be sure of the horn to take good care,*

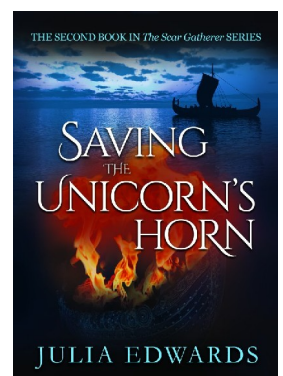
*Your house shall else be cursed! Beware!"*

*Chapter 10*

After school on Monday, Joe went to the library and borrowed all the books he could find on Vikings ... There was something about unicorn horns too - they were actually the tusk of a kind of whale called a narwhal. So Lucy's grandfather had probably caught a narwhal himself and sawn its horn off, and then lied about it, or he'd bought it from someone else who had done just that.

*Chapter 12*

*Can you write two versions of the story of how the unicorn's horn was captured? First, write the version Mattheus might have told Lucy which includes the unicorn; and then write the story the way Joe imagines it actually did happen, when he discovers that the horn was probably the tusk of a narwhal. Draw a picture of either a unicorn or a narwhal to go with your stories.*



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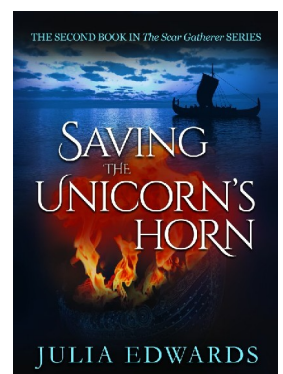
## WORKSHEET 3

### THE VIKING SHIP

‘Soon, Joe could see a warm glow ahead. On the bank of the river were two enormous bonfires. Moored between them, with its prow to the shore, was a Viking longship. Its proud, carved head reared up at the front, and from the centre, its graceful mast reached high into the violet sky. Firelight glinted on the circles of shields set out along the side of the boat, and beneath them, its curved hull bristled with oars. Joe felt his heart skip a beat. The ship was more beautiful and more impressive than he could ever have imagined.’

*Chapter 13*

*Using books and the internet, draw a picture of a Viking ship.*



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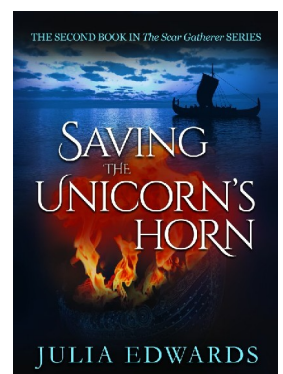
## WORKSHEET 4

### THE JOURNEY BACK TO JORVIK

‘For a long time, they rode on without speaking. Mostly, they made swift progress. The ground had frozen hard again during the night, although it was uneven in places where so many horses and carts had ploughed through earlier in the day. Now and then though, the horse stumbled, and Joe clung tightly to Lucy to keep himself from falling off. A few times, too, there was deep mud beneath the frozen crust of earth. Then Lucy let the horse slow down for a few minutes. When it walked, Joe noticed that he was now able to keep his balance without even thinking about it. Perhaps Heraclio had taught him something after all.’

*Chapter 15*

*Look again at the end of chapter 14, and all of chapter 15. Can you write an account of Joe and Lucy’s night-time journey back to Jorvik from the point of view of the horse?*

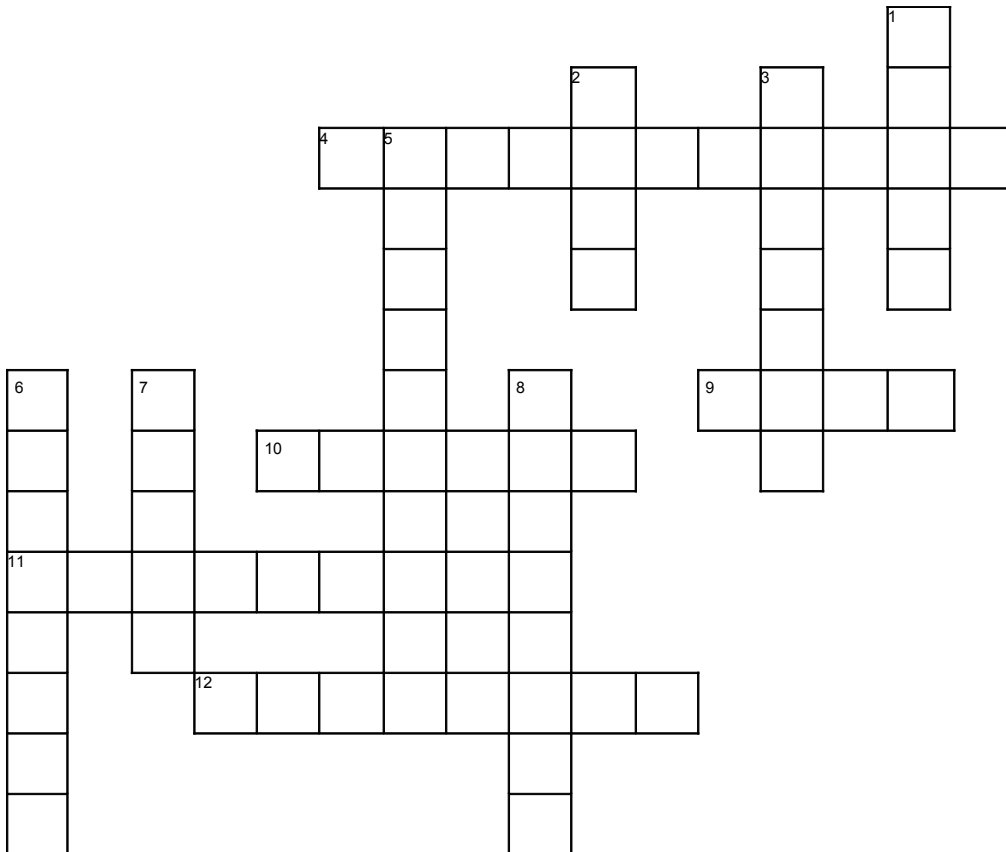
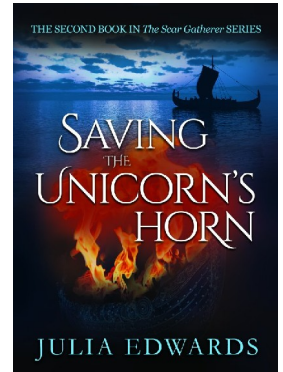


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## CROSSWORD

Now that you've read "Saving the Unicorn's Horn", can you find the correct answer to each clue from the list of answers at the bottom of the page, and then fit them into the crossword grid below?



### ACROSS

4. The part of Europe that the Vikings came from (11)
9. The Viking word for a story (9)
10. The Viking name for York (6)
11. The name of a Viking board game (9)
12. Money paid by the Anglo-Saxons to the Vikings to stop raiding (8)

### DOWN

1. The assembly which made laws or decided on punishments for crimes (5)
2. The ruler of the Norse Gods, God of War and Death (4)
3. The name for the area in the north of England given to the Vikings for settlement (7)
5. The name of the street in York where the coopers lived and worked (10)
6. The afterworld where warriors go when they die (8)
7. The symbols carved by the Vikings as an alphabet (5)
8. The Viking afterworld where ordinary people go when they die (8)

### ANSWERS:

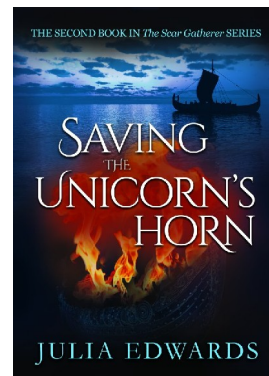
Coppergate	Danegeld	Danelaw	hnefatafl	Jorvik	Niflheim
Odin	runes	saga	Scandinavia	Thing	Valhalla

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## QUIZ

Now that you've read "Saving the Unicorn's Horn", see how much you can remember from the story.



1. What city is Joe visiting when he manages to slip through time? .....
2. What is Joe's cloak fastened with? .....
3. What were the roofs of the buildings made from in Viking times? .....
4. What is Lucy's actual name? .....
5. What language does Lucy speak? .....
6. What does Lucy's father do as a job? .....
7. What did people drink with their meals? .....
8. What year did the Vikings settle in Jorvik? .....
9. Who paid Danegeld to the Vikings to stop them from raiding? .....
10. What was the done to the tail of the cow for the punishment of cow grappling? .....
11. What is the name of the hall in Valhalla where the gods live? .....
12. What was an ear scoop used for? .....
13. What event is taking place at Inga's house? .....
14. What are the windows at Inga's house covered with? .....
15. Where did Lucy's family keep their valuables? .....
16. What was the name of the king who died? .....
17. Did the Vikings have horns on their helmets? .....
18. What is King Sigtryggr buried in? .....
19. What animal did the unicorn's horn actually come from? .....
20. On what part of his body is the scar Joe receives from Thorbiorn? .....

### ANSWERS:

1. York
2. A brooch
3. Thatch
4. Luitseach
5. Danish
6. Cooper
7. Barley beer
8. 876
9. Anglo-Saxons
10. It was greased.
11. Asgard
12. Getting the wax out of your ears
13. Story-telling
14. Pig's bladder
15. In a chest buried in the floor
16. Sigtryggr
17. No!
18. A longship
19. A narwhal
20. In his side

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## WORDSEARCH

Can you spot twenty words from "Saving the Unicorn's Horn" in the grid below?

V	S	E	N	U	R	V	O	N	E	X	L	D	N	V	P
I	K	T	H	V	L	A	H	L	D	L	E	I	H	S	O
G	A	I	D	A	N	E	L	A	W	R	G	K	C	I	N
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ANGLO SAXONS  
COPPERGATE  
DANE GELD  
DANELAW  
HELMET  
HNEFATAFL  
JORVIK

LONGSHIP  
NARWHAL  
NIFLHEIM  
ODIN  
RUNES  
SAGA  
SCANDINAVIA

SHIELD  
SIGTRYGGR  
THING  
UNICORN  
VALHALLA  
VIKINGS

