#### Assessment p.1: How does the climate help to explain the changing fortunes of the Vikings?



Your assessment task is to create a **weather forecast**. You must imagine that you are presenting your forecast at the beginning of the Viking age, and that you are 'predicting' the climactic conditions that the Vikings will experience as well as how these conditions will impact on life for the Vikings.

TASK: To help you re-cap the effects of the climate on Viking life, complete this grid. Add evidence/examples in each section:

How did the climate/environment impact elsewhere impact on Viking life?

#### Think about...

- The ways in which the climate/ environment impacted both positively and negatively:
- The impact of the climate/ environment on migration.
- The impact of the climate/ environment on trade.
- The impact of the climate/ environment on culture.

TASK: Use the template on the next page to plan your weather forecast. You need to include:

- An introduction: welcome viewers to your weather forecast, and let them know whether you have good or bad news.
- An overview of the key highlights (the main weather events or environmental conditions that are going to affect Viking life).
- An in-depth analysis of one or two key weather events or environmental conditions. You might focus first on events/conditions in Scandinavia, before focusing on events/conditions outside the Vikings' homelands.
- Explanation focused on how these weather events/conditions are likely to be experienced by the Vikings: what will they see/hear/feel? How will their lives be affected on a day-to-day basis?
- Advice about how the Vikings might be able to adapt to the weather events/conditions, and perhaps warnings about how they
  could avoid disaster.

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	[what name will you give your programme/weather forecast? The 'Daily Viking News' or
Weather in the North today?]. In	today's programme [introduce your weather forecast]
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[Your explanation, focused on how these weather events/conditions are likely to be experienced by the Vikings]:
[Your advice/warnings]:

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Criteria:	Tick:
Have you included an introduction, welcoming viewers to your weather forecast?	
Have you provided an overview of some of the key weather events/environmental conditions you will focus on in your report?	
Have you given an in-depth analysis of at least two weather events/environmental conditions?	
Have you explained how the Vikings might experience these weather events/environmental conditions? Have you used sensory language to explain the impact on the Vikings?	
Have you discussed the possible impact of the climate/conditions on migration, trade and culture?	
Does your weather forecast include some advice or warnings, linked to key events like the Little Ice Age, the Medieval Warm Period and/or the loss of Viking settlements on Greenland?	