Marley’s Viking Diary

Day 1

We are leaving Norway in search of a new land.

I've packed my chest with clean clothes and plenty of food and drink, mostly beer for the drinks.

I also have dried meat, fish and berries. And plenty of bread, cheese and water. I've said goodbye to my family. I'm feeling excited about what we may discover and also a bit scared because I might have to go into battle during the journey. We go aboard our long ship with its brightly coloured sail and dragon figure head which I’m sure will intimidate the enemies and also guard the ship from evil spirits. We set sail in spring so hopefully we won't have to sail through storms. If I look behind me I can see my home land getting smaller and smaller.

  Day 2

I'm feeling slightly tired because I was chosen to row the boat because there was no wind. During the night we were lucky as the skies were clear so it was easy to see the stars to follow. Home is just a dot behind me. I wonder what my family is doing right now.

Day 3

I can no longer see land, just sea and sky all around us and a few fishes in the water and i think one of them was a little pike. We are taking it in turns to row and once again I have been chosen. It is going to be a looooong night. I am keeping my strength up by eating my food but not too much because I don't know if i have to save it or not. When I get a break, I sleep in my sleeping bag and it keeps me warm as it's made of animal skin.

Day 4

Today we are in luck none of us have to row because the wind is really strong for today!

We are having a much-needed break thanks to the wind. My arms, back and tummy hurt and ache. I have blisters on my hands. There is not much to do or see apart from sitting around so we all decided to have a beer.

 Day 5

More sea of course but amazingly we saw whales and dolphins. The dolphins even followed the ship for a while. Suddenly the winds have gotten way stronger and the skies dark so that can’t be a good sign. So, it might be a stormy day and night but luckily our sleeping bags are waterproof as they're made of leather. The ship is now more battered by the waves so we hang on to the sides of the boat. I worry that I may not see my family again but if I die at least I know I'll go to Valhalla and live in paradise. We've survived.

Day 6

We’ve started to see more birds which means land must be getting near. I noticed the mood on the ship was rising really high. Everyone appears more excited. And we all feel more stronger and are rowing quicker and quicker to get to the land. YES, I CAN ACTUALLY SEE LAND OVER THE HORIZON!

Day 7

I predict we are only an hour away from land. As we approach the coast, we are all looking for a safe place to land and where there were no rocks or anything like that. FINALLY, WE FOUND A PLACE THAT WE CAN LAND OUR SHIP that took way too long. I can't wait to walk on land after being cramped in a boat for 7 days. I wonder what we'll discover?