

## 1. FIRST CATCH YOUR DRAGON

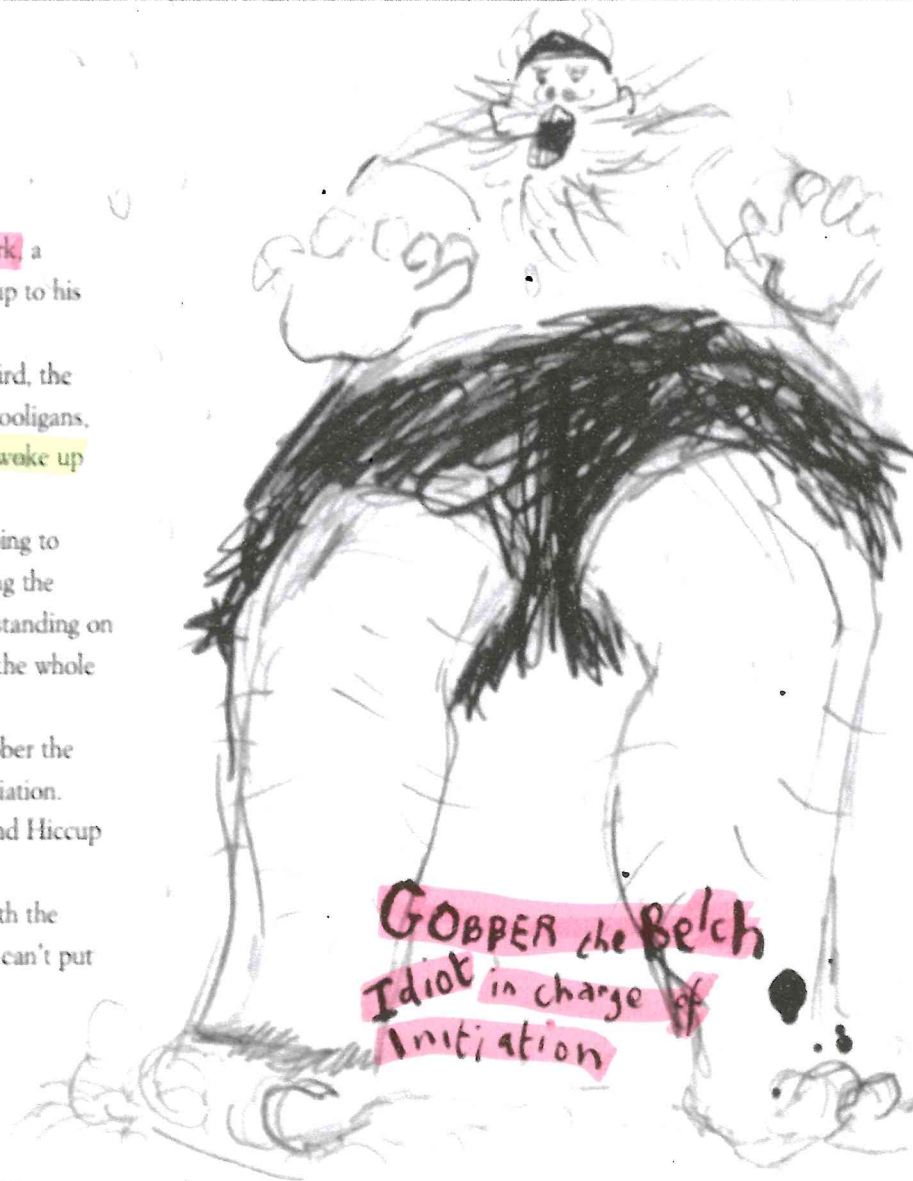
Long ago, on the wild and windy isle of Berk, a smallish Viking with a longish name stood up to his ankles in snow.

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, the Hope and Heir to the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, had been feeling slightly sick ever since he woke up that morning.

Ten boys, including Hiccup, were hoping to become full members of the Tribe by passing the Dragon Initiation Programme. They were standing on a bleak little beach at the bleakest spot on the whole bleak island. A heavy snow was falling.

'PAY ATTENTION!' screamed Gobber the Belch, the soldier in charge of teaching Initiation. 'This will be your first military operation, and Hiccup will be commanding the team.'

'Oh, not Hic-cup,' groaned Dogsbreath the Duhbrain and most of the other boys. 'You can't put Hiccup in charge, sir, he's USELESS.'



- 1) Where is the story set?
- 2) How was Hiccup feeling?
- 3) Who is Gobber the Belch?
- 4) How does Dogsbreath describe Hiccup?
- 5) What sort of character is Dogsbreath?
- 6) What season was it?
- 7) Tell me what you know about the island. Is it a nice place to go? Explain your answer using justification from the text.