

Title of Book: How to Train Your Dragon

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Term 1 Knowledge Organiser

Plot summary: Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III is a Viking from the island of Berk, where fighting dragons are a way of life. He is a quiet and thoughtful son of the Chief of the Hairy Hooligans, and tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon. He captures a tiny, weak dragon named Toothless whom he has to train. Can Hiccup and his dragon save the day?

Themes:

- Good Vs Evil
- Friendship
- Strength and courage
- Doing the right thing



Main Characters

<u>Characters names</u>	<u>Description of character</u>
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock 3rd	The quiet and thoughtful 12 year old hero of the story, heir to the tribe of Viking Hairy Hooligans.
Toothless	Hiccup's tiny toothless dragon (Common or Garden variety)
Stoick the Vast	Chief of the Viking Hooligan tribe and Hiccup's father.
Old Wrinkly	Hiccups wise old grandfather
Gobber the Belch	In charge of the dragon initiation ceremony and task.
Fishlegs No-Name	Hiccup's closest friend who is a very sensitive, caring person, and has an incredible knowledge about dragons.
Snotface Snotlout	He is Hiccup's much-despised cousin. He bullies and bosses the others around.

Key vocabulary

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
initiation	Giving tasks to admit someone into a secret group.
reluctance	Not wanting to do something
exile	Being banned from your country
Dragonese	The language that dragons use to communicate
motivation	a reason or reasons for acting or behaving in a particular way.
vanity	Too much pride in your own appearance or achievements
cannibal	an animal that feeds on flesh of its own species.
triumph	a great victory or achievement.
coma	a state of extreme sleepiness
operation	An organised activity that needs to be undertaken.

Other important information:

Map of the island of Berk.

