

Possible texts to help prepare for A-level Paper 1 Section B

A-level English Language (7702)

For teaching from September 2015

For assessment from June 2017

Introduction

Printed below are two texts collected by a teacher to help prepare for A-level Paper 1 Section B (on children's language development). The question wording in the specimen assessment materials begins with a quote for debate, followed by "Referring to Data Set [n] in detail, and to relevant ideas from language study, evaluate this view of children's language development". What quote for debate might you set your students using these texts as the basis?

Some ideas you might consider:

- Different text types written by children
- Children's progress in writing during their years at school
- Children writing for different audiences and purposes

Data Set 1 - This is taken from the writing of an 11 year-old boy, whose History class was asked to write a comic strip about the founding of Rome.

Data Set 2 - This is taken from the writing of the same 11 year-old boy. His class was asked to write a letter to Duke William about the situation in England before the Norman Invasion.

Data Set 1

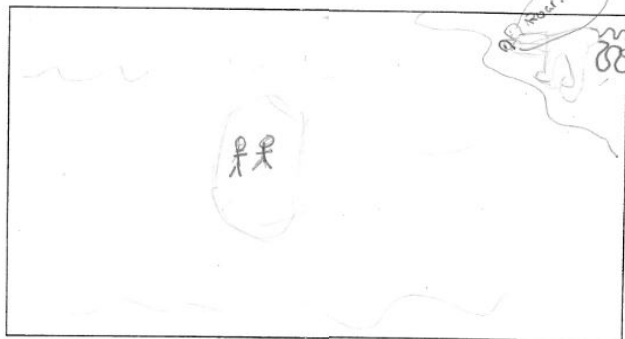
1.1 Homework: Mythical Founding of Rome



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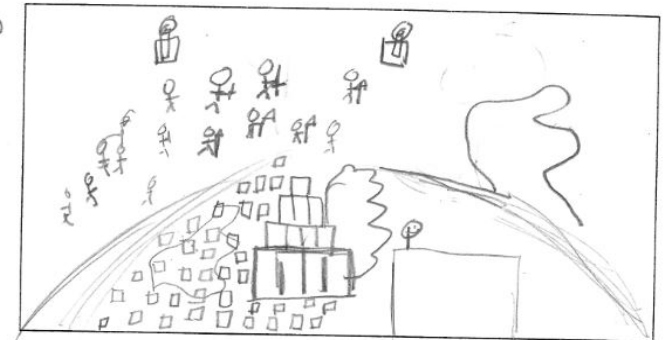
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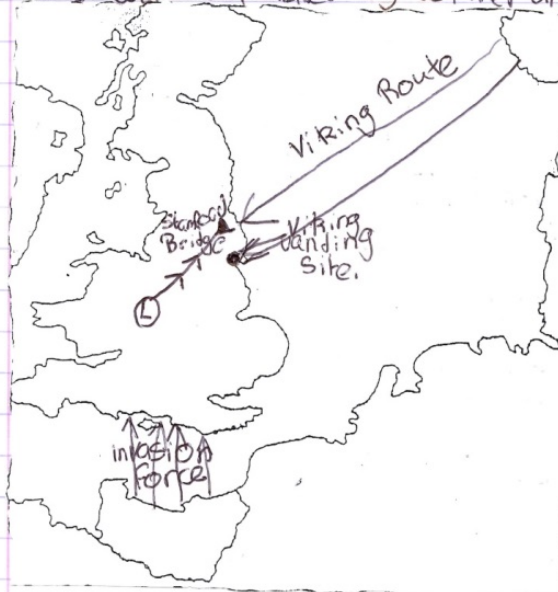
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