Extract from **Enthralled: A Viking Saga**

by Chris Wright, *Chapter 3.*

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**Questions**

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2. What does it mean when it says the sunlight is ‘piercing’?

 It is sudden It is sharp

 It is very bright It is dim

3. ‘Desperately, I tried to cling on...’ How might Chester be feeling here?

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4. What is the weather like in this extract?

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5. What does the word ‘roaring’ tell you about the wind and waves?

 They are very loud They are very big

 They came very suddenly They are throwing Chester around

6. Where do you think Freya might be?

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7. Why does Chester ‘swallow hard’?

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Then, all at once, there was a moment of stillness. Only a moment, little more than a second, but it was enough for me to see. And I saw nothing but grey. Endless ocean and endless sky, with no sign of the museum we had left. And no sign of Freya.

**Questions**

1. Why did Chester have to grip tightly to the ship?

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3. ‘Desperately, I tried to cling on...’ How might Chester be feeling here?

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4. Why do Chester’s eyes sting?

 He is trying not to cry He is scared about losing Freya

 He needs glasses He has salt water in them

5. What does the word ‘roaring’ tell you about the wind and waves?

6. Where do you think Freya might be? Why do you think this?

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8. What does ‘endless ocean and endless sky’ tell you?

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9. Summarise the events of this chapter.

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**Answers**

**Lower Question Set**

1. Why did Chester have to grip tightly to the ship?

*To stop himself from being thrown overboard.*

2. What does it mean when it says the sunlight is ‘piercing’?

*It is very bright.*

3. ‘Desperately, I tried to cling on...’ How might Chester be feeling here?

*Scared, bewildered or similar*

4. What is the weather like in this extract?

*Stormy, mentions of rain, wind etc.*

5. What does the word ‘roaring’ tell you about the wind and waves?

*They are loud.*

6. Where do you think Freya might be? Why do you think this?

*In the sea, on the boat somewhere, in the museum & other justified answers.*

7. Why does Chester ‘swallow hard’?

*To stop himself from being sick.*

**Answers**

**Higher Question Set**

1. Why did Chester have to grip tightly to the ship?

*To stop himself from being thrown overboard.*

2. What does it mean when it says the sunlight is ‘piercing’?

*It is bright.*

3. ‘Desperately, I tried to cling on...’ How might Chester be feeling here?

*Scared, bewildered or similar*

4. Why do Chester’s eyes sting?

*He has salt water in them*

5. What does the word ‘roaring’ tell you about the wind and waves?

*They are loud.*

6. Where do you think Freya might be? Why do you think this?

*In the sea, on the boat somewhere, in the museum & other justified answers.*

7. Why does Chester ‘swallow hard’?

*To stop himself from being sick.*

8. What does ‘endless ocean and endless sky’ tell you?

*There is no land nearby*

9. Summarise the events of this chapter.

*A summary that mentions rough seas, clinging to the boat etc.*