



# The Battle of Brunanbuhr



## Multi-Sensory Story Resource Booklet

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Over 2000 years ago there was a famous King called Athelstan.

Put on a crown.

He had a brother who was also famous with his sword. His name was Edmund.

Hold out the sword.

Enemies with shields that clattered came to Brunanburh to fight the King and the Scottish people.

Hit the sword against the shield to make a clattering sound.

The King defended the land. The land on which you stand.

Take a few steps and look around.

He defended their treasure.

Open the treasure chest and look at what is inside.

He defended their homes as enemies set fires all around.

Burn sage/strike a match.

Swords clashed and men yelled as they ran at each other.

Yell and stamp feet.

In the middle of this was the King and his brother.

King Athelstand and Edmund puppets.

Many men lay injured on the ground.

Wrap bandage around arm.

The Scottish people were tired and sad about the war.

Sad faces look into a mirror.

The King's army charged their enemies away to their boats to leave Scotland across the Irish sea.

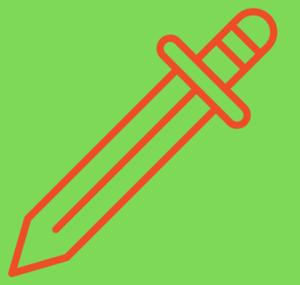
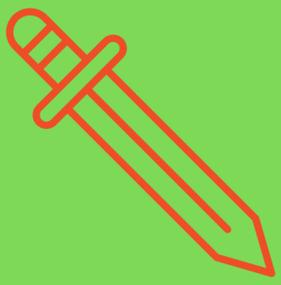
Wave a blue sheet/material to create the waves.

Dark ravens flew above the battlefield and they were a scary sight.

Raven puppet/loud caw sound.

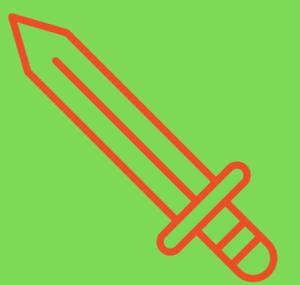
The King and his brother were remembered as brave winners of the battle and the tale was told around a fire with goblets of mead.

Take a drink from a cup or glass.



# Props

**Bringing the  
story to life**



# The Crown



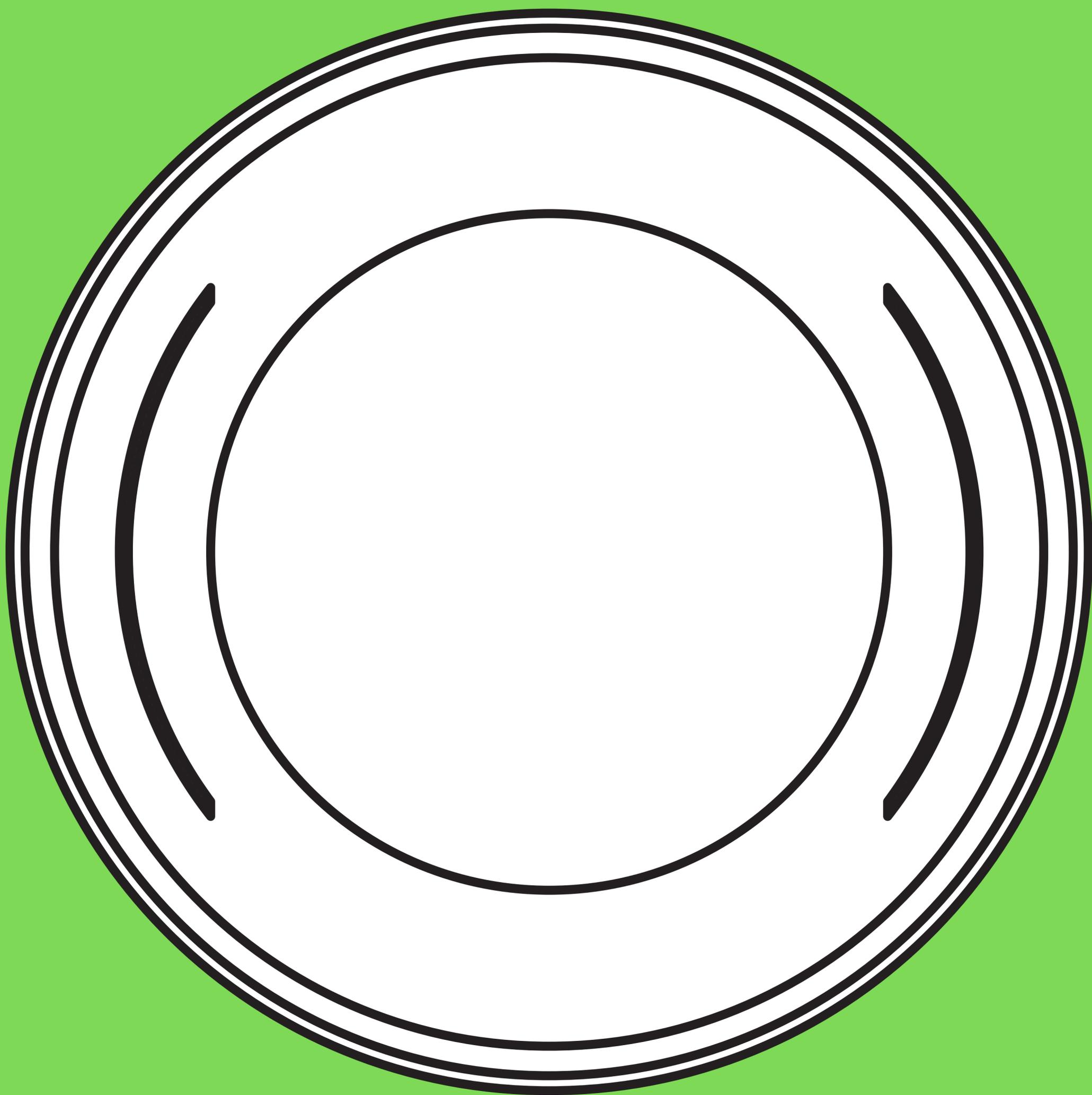
1. Wrap a sheet of A3 paper around head to make sure it will fit. If not, sellotape 2 sheets together and trim.
2. Open the paper out and draw over the top the shape of the crowns points. This can be done by drawing large joining 'V' shapes.
3. Decorate inside the shape below where you have marked. This can be done using any craft materials.
4. Cut out the marks you have made at the top.
5. Wrap around the head and stick sides together with sellotape.

# The Sword & Shield

Cut out the templates and decorate. These can be backed onto card to create a prop that will last longer.



Shields were often painted in 2 distinct colours with a ring in the centre



Wooden swords and shields to decorate can be purchased online at Baker Ross.

# Treasure Chest



1. Cut out around the outside of the shape below.
2. Decorate and colour in the different squares.
3. Fold along the dotted lines to create a box shape
4. Using glue, stick the tabs onto the inside of the box.
5. Fill the box with any treasures you wish.

## RECTANGULAR BOX TEMPLATE

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this pattern is not allowed.

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Finished box measures approximately:  
4.25" x 3.125" x 1.75" inches

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SOLID LINES = Cut  
DASHED LINES = Score with bone folder and fold

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# King Athelstan and Edmund Puppets



1. Colour the images below or draw your own Athelstan and Edmund.
2. Cut out the two figures.
3. Sellotape an ice lolly stick onto the back of the picture.



