

History Detectives at Unity College!

A body has been found!

If you were the detective what questions would you be asking?



Who?

Why?

When?

How?

What?

Where?



First impressions

Task 1:

Look at the image

1. What can you see in the image?
2. What do you think happened to this person?
3. Any questions you would like to ask to find out more?



The Tollund Man Mystery

Learning objective: Investigate a historical mystery

Keywords:

Opinion – A viewpoint that a person has.

Fact – A thing that can be proven to be true.

Sacrifice - the offering of something to a god.

Read through the information on the next slide to find out about the body that was found.

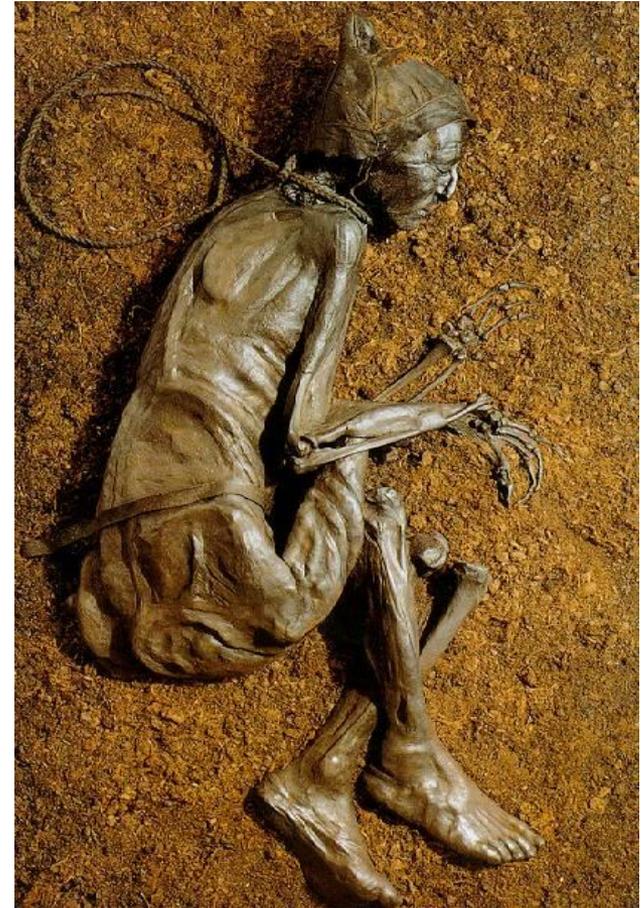
The body....

SOURCE A

The body was found by two men digging for peat on Tollund Fen (wetlands) in Denmark in May 1950. As they worked they suddenly saw in the peat layer a face so fresh they thought they had come across a recent murder. The men carefully removed the peat from the body till more of him could be seen. The man lay on his right side as if he was asleep.

He wore no clothes, except for a pointed skin cap and a smooth hide belt.

Around the neck was a rope noose and an iron neck ring. It was drawn tight across his neck and throat.



Task 2: Quick questions.....

Read through the information about the body and answer the following questions in full sentences using Source A to help you.

1. Who found the body?

The body was found by.....

2. Where was the body found?

The body was found in

3. When was the body found?

The body was found in.....

4. What did they find on the body?

The body was found with

One question that hasn't yet been answered??

Why did the Tollund Man die?

This is an **opinion** not a **fact**.

What do you think?

A
sacrifice?

Is it a
murder?

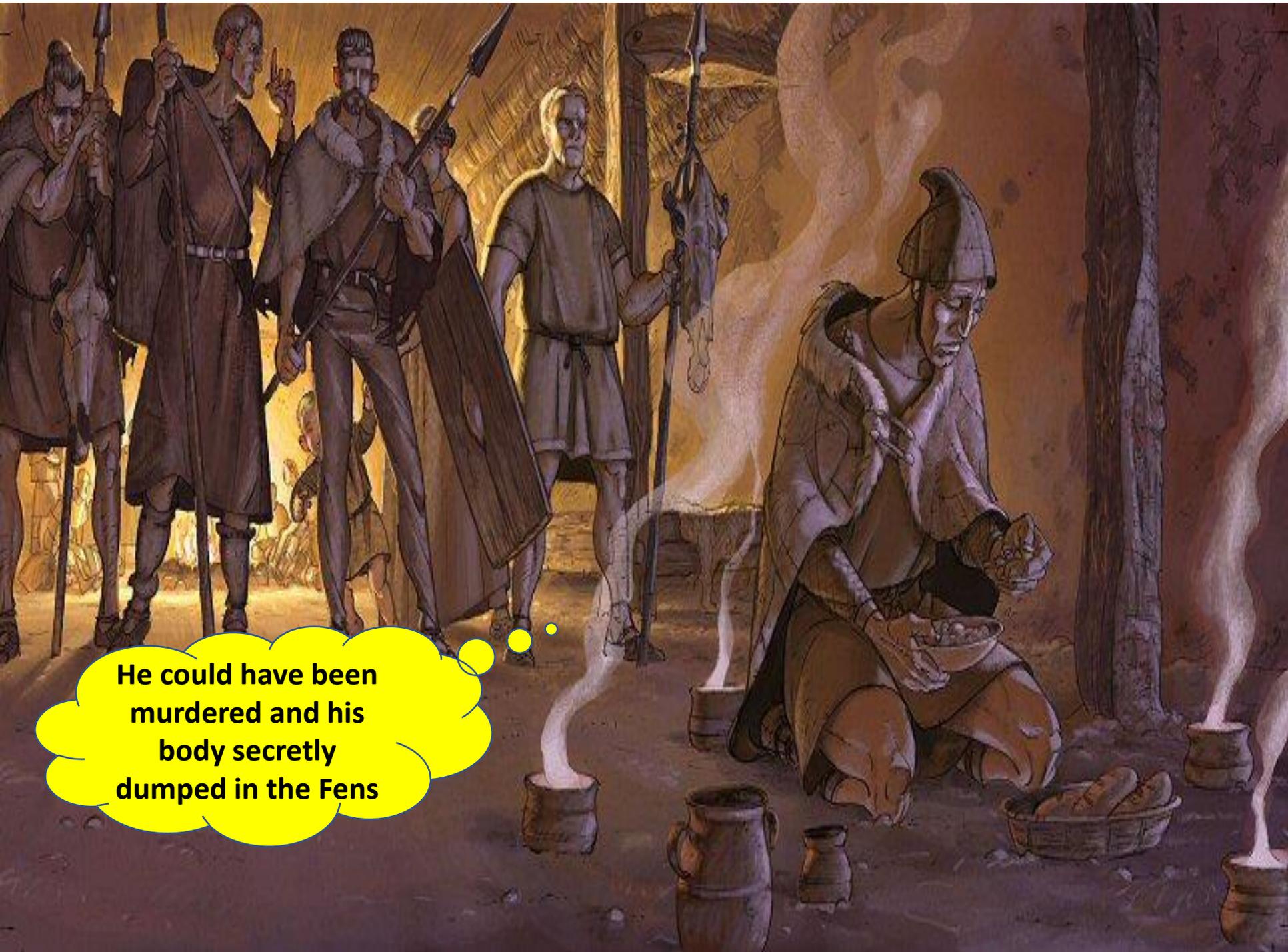


The Tolland
Man



A
punishment

Sacrifice - the
offering of
something to a
god.



**He could have been
murdered and his
body secretly
dumped in the Fens**



**He could have been
hanged for a crime
and his body put in
the Fens**

He could have been
sacrificed to the
Gods and his body
placed in the Fens

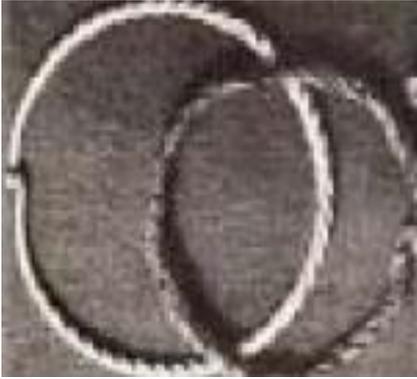


Task 3: Study the following Sources. Print or draw your own table.
Then write in which theory the source supports.

	Evidence for Punishment	Evidence for Sacrifice	Evidence for Murder
Source B		<i>Tollund Man had a neck ring. These neck rings were often used in sacrifices to the goddess of spring.</i>	
Source C			
Source D			
Source E			
Source F			

Evidence

SOURCE B



Neck rings
made of
rope and of
iron.

These items were not found on the Tollund man but are similar to those around his neck. The items are a **rope noose** and a **neck ring**.

Iron Age people buried neck rings with their dead as an offering to the Spring Goddess. Obviously a noose can be used for hanging.

SOURCE C

Evidence



On the initial autopsy report in 1950, doctors concluded that **Tollund Man** died by hanging rather than strangulation.

There were no other injuries on the body.

Examination of his stomach show that he had eaten a porridge around 12 hours before his death.

Evidence

SOURCE D

The German tribes (who once lived in Denmark) hung traitors from trees and drowned cowards in fens (wetlands) under piles of sticks.



Evidence

SOURCE E

Statue



- A statue of an Earth goddess.
- This was found near the body.
- It represents Spring.

Evidence

SOURCE F

- The German tribes (who once lived in Denmark) worshipped the Goddess of Spring.
- Every Spring a cart carried a statue of the Goddess in a procession. Afterwards the cart and statue were washed by slaves, and then the slaves sacrificed.

Sacrifice - the offering of something to a god.

Task 4: Review

Now its time for your final decision - what do you think happened to the Tollund Man?

I think that the Tollund Man was...

This is the most likely reason for why he died because...

Murder

Sacrifice

Punishment



History skills

The skills you have used during these tasks are the type of skills you will use when studying History at Unity College.

- Investigation
- Looking at evidence
- Using sources
- Explaining your findings