Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. The family is not only remembering Hallvard but also choosing what others will think about him. The inscription is designed to shape reputation, inheritance, and public memory.

2. The stone reflects what the family wanted to emphasize, not every fact about Hallvard's life. Like any source, it is selective and influenced by social goals.

Multiple Choice

1. C

2. A

3. D

Matching

1-B, 2-A, 3-E, 4-C, 5-D

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Futhark, 2) runestone, 3) sagas

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: Runes are usually short, contemporary inscriptions carved on objects or stones. Sagas are much longer written narratives recorded later, so they preserve more detail but require more caution.

Q2: A runestone honors the dead, but it also tells the public what qualities, achievements, or family claims should be remembered. It shapes reputation in a visible place.

Q3: Archaeology provides independent evidence from buildings, burials, and artifacts. That evidence can support, complicate, or correct what written texts suggest.