

FROM A VIRAL REFERENCE TO A FINISHED VIDEO

# MAKE A 2D VIKING VIDEO

*The exact workflow: clone the look from a video that already works, then let Calliope shoot yours.*

A channel with **878 subscribers** posted one simple 2D Viking video and cleared **367,000 views in 13 days**, past half a million by week three. Same stick figure animation as the Amish trend, bent into Vikings. The idea was the clever part. The look is the part you can copy in ten minutes, and this guide is the shortcut.

01 · PICK THE REFERENCE

02 · BUILD THE TEMPLATE

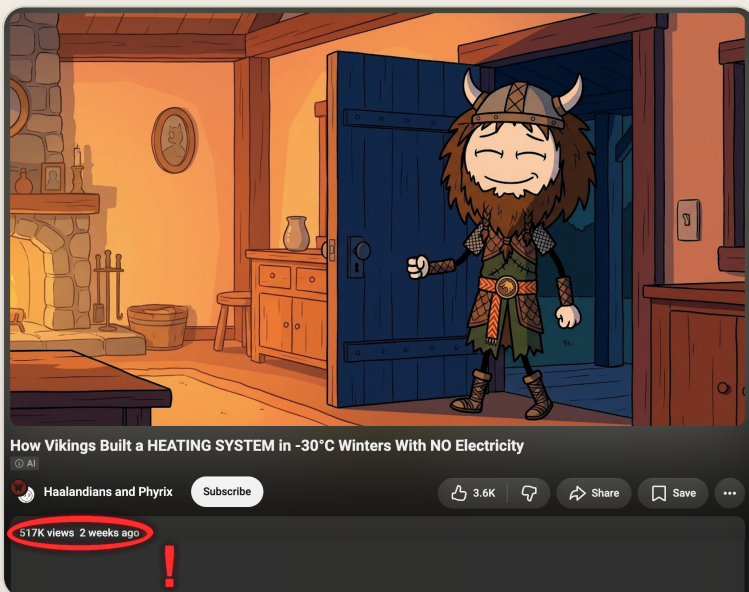
03 · SCRIPT AND GENERATE

# 1 • PICK THE VIDEO YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE

*Find a recent outlier, then copy its URL.*

Do not describe a style in your own words, because the model drifts. Point at something that already proved itself: a small channel, one video, big numbers, published days ago. **878 subs and 367K views in 13 days** is the algorithm telling you the format is alive right now. The same number on a two year old video tells you nothing.

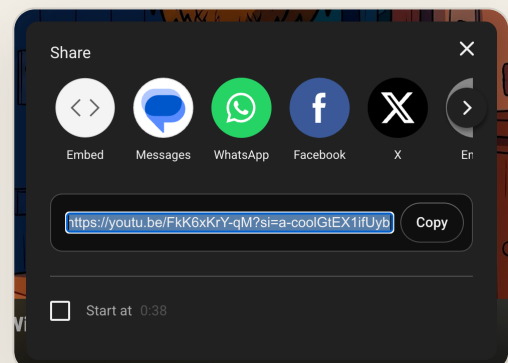
Open the video, hit **Share**, and copy the link. That single URL is everything Calliope needs in step 02.



**1.1** • The proof you are looking for:  
tiny channel, fresh upload, big number.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

You are copying the **visual system**, never the video: line weight, palette, how the character is built. That system works across a hundred topics. The script has to be yours, and that is what step 03 is about.

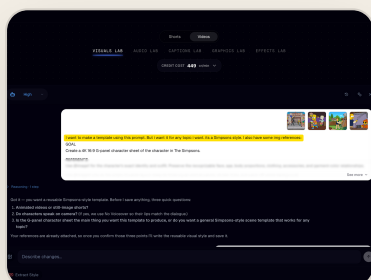


**1.2** • Select the URL and copy it.  
Any YouTube link format works.

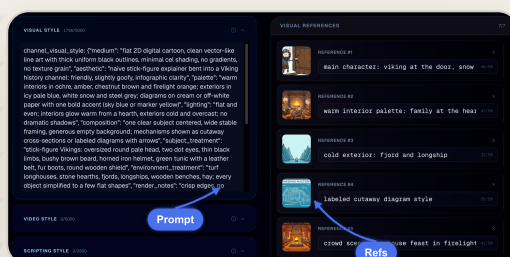
## 2 • TURN THE STYLE INTO A TEMPLATE

*Two ways in, same result: a look you can reuse forever.*

- 1 Paste the URL into [Calliope](#) and run **Extract style**. It watches the video, writes the style prompt and pulls the reference frames for you.
- 2 Or hand the agent **5 to 7 screenshots** of the look and ask it to build the template. Slower, and clearly better if you already have your own character or you want the style pinned exactly.
- 3 Set the quality to **High** and leave animation off. The original barely moves, and still frames read the same on a phone at a fraction of the cost.



2.1 • Ask for it in the chat. Highlighted: the key line.

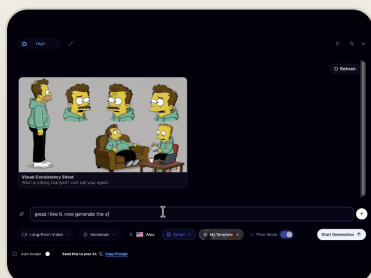


2.2 • Prompt left, Refs right. Same layout for every template.

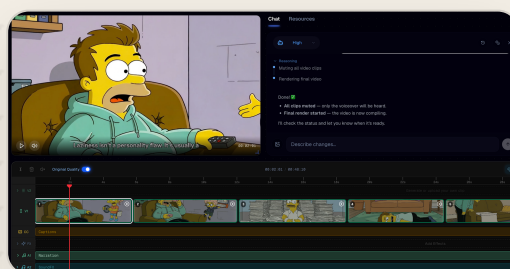
## 3 • WRITE THE SCRIPT AND GENERATE

*Creation Lab does the sheet and the shoot. The words are on you.*

- 1 Give the agent the topic, or paste your own script. If it reads like a chatbot wrote it, run it through the **anti-slop writing** tool of the Calliope MCP first: free, no credits, and it hands you the rules a spoken script needs.
- 2 Approve the **character reference sheet**. Every frame is built from it, so this is where consistency comes from.
- 3 Hit **Start Generation**. Done.



3.1 • The sheet comes first. Approve it, then **Start Generation**.



3.2 • What lands: clips, narration and SFX on a real timeline.

## YOUR TURN

*Same three steps, any look you want.*

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