



▀ Norse Gods and Goddesses

Recap

Can you remember what we learned about last week in topic?

Hint: It was a part of Norse Mythology!



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We learned about the Nine Realms, and also about some of the Norse Gods and Goddesses.

We learned that most of the Gods live in Asgard and are part of the Aesir.

Today we are going to learning more about these Gods and Goddesses!





Odin

Odin is the King of all the Gods and men; he wears a floppy hat or horned helmet and a blue-grey cloak. He only has one eye so also wears an eye patch!

His two ravens, Huginn and Munin (which mean Thought and Memory) fly and tell him everything that has happened in Midgard (Earth). He rides a horse called Sleipnir who has eight legs!

Odin is the God of war, wisdom and poetry and the day Wednesday (Wodensdaeg) is named after him!



Thor

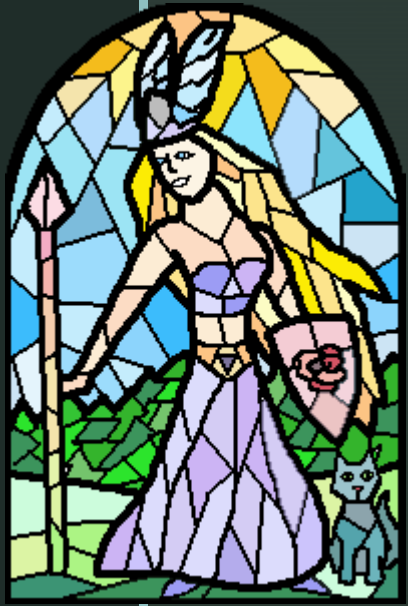


Thor is the God of Thunder and the protector of all Midgard (Earth). He has a mighty hammer called Mjolnir which causes lightning to flash across the sky. He also uses it as a weapon, as he is very strong.

Thor rides a battle chariot that is drawn by his goats called Gapi Tooth and Tooth-grinder. He is one of the most popular Norse Gods and has been featured in lots of films and books.

Thursday (Thorsdaeg) is named after him!





Freya

Freya is the goddess of Love and Beauty but also of War and Death. She has a twin brother called Freyr.

The cat is her sacred symbol, which can be seen in some of these pictures.

The day Friday (Frejyasdaeg) was named after her.





Freyr

Freyr is Freya's twin brother and is the God of farming. He is sometimes shown as wearing horns on his head (but we know that Vikings didn't actually have horned helmets!)

Freyr is known as King of the Alfs (elves), and he has a Golden Boar called Gullenbursti which is shown in the pictures.



Tyr

Tyr is the God of War and also the Lawgiver of the Gods.

He is a strong warrior, and lost his hand catching the evil Fenris wolf.

As Tyr is the lawgiver, he makes sure everything is fair and right, and is skilled in all manner of justice and fair play.





Loki

Loki is actually the God of fire, but is more commonly known as a trickster and mischief maker.

Loki is a sky traveller, which means he is able to change his shape into anything at all. Vikings believe he has previously turned into a bee, a fly, a flea, a ball of fire and a raincloud.





Heimdall

Heimdall is the God of Light and has a very important job! He is the guardian of Bifrost, which is the rainbow bridge connecting Asgard (the home of the Gods) and Midgard (Earth). He also has to stop the evil giants forcing their way into Asgard.

He is often shown with gold teeth and a horn, which you can see in these pictures.





Skadi

Skadi is the Goddess of Winter and of the Hunt, which means she is often pictured with a bow and arrow.

Many people also associate Skadi with skiing!

She is actually a frost giant, but was accepted into Asgard when she married one of the other Gods, Njord.

Skadi's name also relates to "Scandinavia," which is said to be "Skadi's Isle";



Your Task

- Today you are going to make a fact file for a Norse God or Goddess of your choice.
- You are going to be using your research skills to make your fact file. You can use the information in this PowerPoint, or do some research using the internet or any books you have.
- A fact file template is on the school website, or you can design your own.

