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MYTHOLOGY and FOLKLORE



NORSE MYTHOLOGY

NORSE MYTHOLOGY HISTORICAL QUESTIONS

1. What are some other names to which Norse mythology is referred?
2. Norse Mythology is the body of myths from what people?
3. How many realms are in the Norse mythos and what do they surround?
4. What material is used to create the world?
5. What event causes the world to be reborn?
6. Name some sources for the Norse Myths.
7. How were the myths originally preserved?
8. Name two forms of poetry used to preserve the myths. Briefly describe them.
9. During what ages/periods did these exist?
10. Where were the Old Norse texts created?
11. What were these two texts and who created them?
12. What are two areas/times/reason/etc where Norse Mythology received a boost in interest?

THE STORY OF CREATION AS TOLD BY THE NORTH GERMANIC PEOPLES

BIRTH OF THE JÖTNAR

In the beginning there was that abyss (_____). It lay between the
place of elemental fire (_____) and elemental ice (_____).

Frost and flame met in the abyss. Flames melted ice and the drops that fell formed _____, the first of the
godlike and destructive giants. While he slept, more giants leapt forth from his legs and the sweat of his armpits.

As the ice continued to melt, a cow, _____ emerged from it. While she nourished _____
with her milk, she was nourished with salt-licks in the ice. Eventually, her licks revealed _____, the first of
the Aesir gods. _____ had a son named _____, who married _____ the daughter of the giant
_____.

This union produced the half-god/half-giants _____, the eventual leader of the Aesir, and his
brothers _____ and _____.

CREATION OF THE COSMOS

The brothers would slay _____ and create the cosmos from his corpse. They fashioned the oceans from his _____, the soil from his _____ and _____, vegetation from his _____, clouds from his _____, and the sky from his _____.

From his rotting body crawled _____ that formed the dwarves. Out of fear that his rotting body would cause the sky to fall, four dwarves (_____, _____, _____, _____) were selected to uphold the sky - one from each direction.

CREATION OF THE HUMANITY

With the cosmos now formed, the gods formed the first man, _____, and woman, _____, from two tree trunks. Finally, the gods took _____ to build a fence around _____ to protect the humans from the giants.

And thus, the world and its gods and its people were formed. While this was a glorious beginning, little did they know Ragnarök awaited...

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PEOPLE, CREATURES, PLACES AND OBJECTS OF NORSE MYTHOLOGICAL RACES

Æsir

- The warrior gods of _____

Æsir

- The fertility and nature gods of _____

Elves

- _____ creatures known for their beauty, magical powers and long life spans.

Dark Elves / Dökkálfar

- Evil counterpart to the light elves who dwell _____ with skin as black as pitch

Light Elves / Ljósálfar

- Elves who were benevolent towards _____ and had skin that was radiant like the _____

Marmennill

- Half man, half fish creatures known for their ability to see the _____

Margygr

- Half woman, half fish creatures known for appearing before _____

Jötnar

- Powerful race of _____ who both fought and _____ with the Norse gods
Single = *Jötunn* Plural = Jötnar

Hrímursar

- Jötnar who are made of _____ and inhabit the cold region of Niflheimr

Eldjötnar

- Jötnar with _____ qualities/weapons and inhabit the flaming region of _____

Trolls

- _____ that dwell in isolated mountains, rocks and caves and sometimes live together

Nisse

- Small helpful humanlike _____ creatures
- Expect _____ rewards of their favorite food - _____
- Known for their tall pointed red _____

PRIMORDIAL BEINGS

Auðumbla

- Born at the beginning of time from the droplets of _____ produced by the overlapping of Muspelheim's _____ and Niflheim's _____
- Her _____ nurishes _____
- She licks _____, the ancestor of all gods, free from the Primordial _____.

Ymir

- The ancestor of all _____
- Born from _____ droplets produced by the overlapping of _____ fire and _____ ice
- Body produces several of the first born Jötnar including _____ the mother of _____
- Killed by _____ and his brothers who use his body to form the _____

Buri

- Ancestor of all _____
- Licked free from the Primordial Ice by _____
- Had a son named _____ by unknown means

Jörð

- Personification of the _____
- Mistress of _____ and Mother of _____

Borr

- With Bestla, produces the progenitors of the _____: Odin, Vili and Vé

Dagr

- Personification of _____

Snær

- Personification of _____

Nótt

- Personification of _____

Nine Mothers of Heimdallr & Nine Daughters of Ægir and Rán

- Personification of _____
- Most likely are one and the same

GIANTS

Hrungnir

- Stone giant who wins a bet with _____
- Becomes unruly in Asgard afterwards and is killed by _____

Suttungr

- Demands and receives the _____ from the _____ after they murdered his parents

Gillingr

- He and his wife's _____ by the dwarves led to his son gaining the Mead of Poetry

Gunnlöð

- Tasked by her father to guard the _____
- Gives the mead away after being seduced by _____

Fornjót

- Fathered the natural forces: Hlér (_____), Logi (_____) and Kári (_____)

Rán

- Personification of _____
- _____ of the Nine Daughters of Ægir and Rán

Bestla

- With _____, produces the progenitors of the _____: Odin, Vili and Vé

Eggþér

- Jötunn known for raising and herding monstrous _____
- Is accompanied by the red rooster _____ whose crowing will herald the onset of _____

Baugi

- Attempts to trick _____ using his _____ but inadvertently helps him get the Mead of Poetry

Surtr

- _____ and most powerful of the _____ Giants
- Guardian of _____
- Plays a major role in _____, and will set the planet ablaze with his _____

GIANTS

Ægir

- Personification of _____
- _____ of the Nine Daughters of Ægir and Rán

Hrymr

- During _____, he leads the _____ against the _____ on _____

Thrym

- Frost Giant King who steals _____ and pays for it with his life

Gerðr

- Wife of _____
- Mother of the _____ Dynasty

Hymir

- Owner of a _____ needed by _____ for his feast celebrating the Aesir gods
- Also joins Thor in fishing for _____

Þrúðgelmir / Thrudgelmir

- Elder Frost Giant born from Ymir's _____

Hyrrokkin

- Known for using her strength to launch Baldr's funeral ship

Vafþrúðnir

- Known for his battle of _____ with _____
- Considered one of the wisest beings in the Norse cosmos

Bergelmir

- He and his _____ were the lone survivors of the blood deluge that happened when _____ and his brothers killed _____.
- Afterwards they created a new race of _____

ÆSIR

Odin

- Called _____ by all out of respect for his knowledge and power
- King of _____ and Lord of the Æsir
- Father of _____
- Traded one eye for near infinite _____
- Wields _____
- Accompanied by the _____, Huginn and Muninn, and _____, Geri and Freki

Frigg

- Queen of _____
- Protects _____ and _____
- Knows the _____ of all beings
- Mother of _____
- Attended by the goddesses Eir (_____), Hlín (_____), Gná (_____), and Fulla (_____)

Thor

- _____ of the Æsir
- Son of _____
- Champion of _____ and protector of _____
- Wields _____, _____ and _____

Hodr

- Blind
- Accidentally kills _____ due to _____ deception
- Killed by Váli

Gná

- Messenger for _____

Baldr

- Most _____ and _____ of the gods
- (Nearly) Unable to be _____
- Killed by Höd due to a deception by _____
- His death begins _____

Mimir

- _____ during the Æsir–Vanir War
- _____ carries around Mimir's head to use for knowledge and counsel

ÆSIR

Forseti

- God of _____, public _____ and mediation

Iðunn

- Her _____ grant eternal _____
- Her abduction by _____ leads to his death

Kvasir

- Born from Æsir and Vanir _____
- Killed by dwarves who mixed his blood with honey to make the _____

Tyr

- God of law, justice and _____
- Considered a god of _____
- Sacrificed _____ to bind _____

Ullr

- God of _____ and _____

Skaði

- _____, _____, and winter Goddess
- Marries husband as compensation for the death of her _____
- Marries _____ mistakenly thinking he was _____
- Places the _____ that drips _____ on _____ face

Máni

- _____ of the Moon

Móði, Magni and Þrúðr

- Children of _____ and _____
- Together they embody the qualities of their father

Váli Odinson

- Born to avenge _____ by killing _____
- Survives _____

Sif

- _____ Goddess
- Wife of _____

ÆSIR

Bragi

- God of _____...and _____!
- Greets and escorts fallen warriors to _____

Sól

- Personification of the _____

Heimdallr

- Guards _____
- Will use his _____ to announce the start of _____
- Can see across the _____ and hear _____ grow
- His affairs with human females led to the creation of _____
- Bitter enemies with _____

Vili and Vé

- Brothers to _____
- With Odin created the world from Ymir's body
- Vili gave humans _____ and a sense of _____
- Ve gave humans _____ and facial _____

Dellingr

- Father of _____ the personification of day
- Might be the personification of _____

Víðarr

- God of _____
- Avenges his father's (_____) death at _____
- Wields a special _____

VANIR

Freyja

- Love, Beauty, Procreation and War Goddess
- Receives half of all fallen warriors at her hall in _____
- Known for her shapeshifting _____ and _____-drawn chariot

Alvaldi

- Father of _____
- Very wealthy in _____
- _____ moon is named after him

Sister-Wife of Njörðr

- Unknown sister and wife of Njörðr and mother of _____ and _____

Njörðr

- Powerful _____ God
- Marriage to _____ ended over living locations
- With his _____, sent to the Aesir as _____ due to a wartime settlement

Óðr

- Husband of _____
- Might be the concept of _____

Thiazi / Þjazi

- Tricked by _____ into kidnapping Iðunn
- This event eventually results in his _____ and his daughter's marriage to Njörðr.

Freyr

- Gives his self-fighting _____ away to marry Gerðr
- Is victorious using a _____
- Rides a _____ named Gullinbursti
- Without his sword he will die in _____

Gullveig / Heiðr

- Possibly the cause of the _____ War
- Speared and burnt _____ times by the Æsir but was thrice _____
- Took the name _____ upon the _____ rebirth
- Could possibly be _____

The Ynglings

- Dynasty of _____ who claimed descent from the gods _____ and _____

LOKI'S LINEAGE

Farbauti

- _____ of Loki

Laufey

- Mother of _____

Narfi / Nari (Lokison)

- Killed by his entranced _____ who was changed to a _____ for his father's crimes
- His _____ are used to bind _____

Fenrir

- Monstrous wolf who can break any _____
- Bound by a mystical _____
- Will break free and kill _____ during Ragnarök
- His children will eat the _____ and the _____

Sköll and Hati Hróðvitnisson

- Wolf sons of _____ who chase and eventually catch and swallow the sun and the moon

Sigyn

- Wife of _____
- Remains faithfully by his side during his incarceration using a _____ to shield his eyes from _____

Loki Laufeyson

- _____ God
- Crafty _____
- Noted for the fact that he carries his _____ name instead of his _____.
- Has allied with the _____, and has also been a hated enemy
- Sets in motion the events that cause _____
- Fathered, _____, _____ and _____
- Orchestrates _____ murder
- Chained to a rock with his son's intestines for this act
- During Ragnarök he will lead an army of _____, his _____ and the _____ who perished in shameful ways
- Bitter enemies with _____: Both are destined to kill the other

Váli (Lokison)

- Turned into a rampaging _____ for his _____ crimes and kills his _____

LOKI'S LINEAGE

Hel

- Ruler of the _____ realm Hel (Helheim)

Angrboða

- Mistress of _____
- Gives birth to _____, _____ and _____

Þökk

- Refuses to _____ for the slain Baldr, thus forcing Baldr to stay in _____
- Presumed to be _____

Sleipnir

- _____ eight-legged horse who is incredibly fast and can travel between realms
- Son of the disguised _____ and the stallion Svaðilfari

Jörmungandr

- Serpent so large he encircles the entire _____ and bites his own tail
- The release of his _____, is a sign that _____ is approaching
- Archenemy of _____
- He and Thor _____ battling each other

Helblindi and Býleistr

- _____ of Loki

VALKYRIE

Brunhilde / Brynhildr

- Put into a deep slumber, surrounded by a wall of _____ for defying _____
- Saved by and fell in love with _____
- Through the deception of King _____ and his wife, Sigurd's death is orchestrated by Brunhilde who takes her own life soon after

Eir

- Valkyrie who possessed fantastic _____

Gunnr and Róta

- Two Valkyrie who, along with the Norn, _____, decided the outcomes of battles

Skögul and Geirskögul

- Two Valkyrie who recruit fallen soldiers for Odin's battle with _____ during *Ragnarök*

Sváfa, Sigrún and Kara

- A Valkyrie who, along with her beloved, continues to be _____ so that they can remain together

Hildir

- Valkrie who can raise the dead on the _____
- Because of this, her _____ and _____ fight a never ending battle against each other in the Hjaðningavíg

Þrúðr

- Possibly the child of _____ and _____ who shares the same name
- Serves _____ to the fallen heroes in the halls of Valhalla

HUMANS

Ask and Embla

- The first two _____, created by the gods Odin, Vili, and Ve from _____

Lif and Lífþrasir

- Two humans who are foretold to survive Ragnarök by hiding in _____ and will then _____ the new world

Sigurd

- Legendary Nordic _____ famous for his slaying of the _____ Fafnir and his tragic romance with the Valkyrie _____

- Raised by the _____, Regin

- Owned the mystical sword _____

Helgi, Helgi Hundingsbane and Helgi Haddingjaskati

- A Norse hero who, along with his beloved Valkyrie, continues to be _____ so that they can remain together

Einherjar

- Fallen _____ chosen by the _____ to join Odin's army for the final battle at Ragnarök

DWARFS

Andvari

- Dwarf known for his _____, Andvaranaut, which brought him great wealth, and the curse he placed on it after it was taken by Loki

Dvalinn

- Famous dwarf, known for many exploits, most importantly the forging of the sword _____

Mótsognir

- _____ of All Dwarfs

Hreiðmarr

- Extremely wealthy, and greedy dwarf _____
- His greed results in the death of _____ as well as the death of his _____

Durinn

- _____ born dwarf
- Assisted Dvalinn with creating the magic sword Tyrfing

Fafnir

- Turns into a _____ and kills his father for the treasure of _____
- Is killed by _____ who wielded the _____ sword

Otr

- Killed by _____ while disguised as an _____
- His death starts the " _____ " Saga which ends in the death of his brothers and father

Litr

- Dwarf who was unfortunately kicked into Baldr's funeral _____ by _____

Regin

- Step-father to the Norse hero _____
- Gets pulled into the "Fafnir Dragon" Saga due to father's greed
- _____ by the cursed treasure of Andvari and is killed by _____ after plotting his death to steal the treasure

Sons of Ivaldi

- Skilled dwarf blacksmiths who created Sif's golden _____, Odin's spear _____, and Freyr's ship _____
- _____ used their skill to challenge the skills of Brokkr and Eitri

DWARFS

Eitri and Brokkr

- Master _____ brothers who created the golden _____ Gullinbursti, the golden _____ Draupnir and _____
- Humiliated _____ when he bet them The Sons of Avaldi were better blacksmiths

Fjalar and Galar

- Killed _____ and turned his blood into the mead of poetry
- Forced to give _____ the mead for killing his parents

Billingr

- Daughter was desired by _____
- He along with numerous dwarf _____ are able to ward off Odin

Alvíss

- Dwarf who was tricked out getting to marry _____ daughter Þrúðr.

MYSTICAL OBJECTS

Megingjörð

- Belt worn by _____ that _____ his power

Járnglófar

- Thor's gloves which assist him with wielding _____

Mjöltnir

- Thor's legendary _____ which is used both as a _____ and an artifact during _____ ceremonies

- It's nearly _____, never misses its target, can level _____, channel _____, control _____, shoots _____ and will always return to Thor's hand when thrown

Naglfar

- Gigantic ship built from the untrimmed _____ and _____ of the _____

- Loki will command the ship and its armies of giants and the _____ dead into Ragnarök

Tyrfing

- _____ magical sword that could cut through any material but also brings misfortune and _____ to its wielder

Gungnir

- Odin's powerful and magical _____ which can hit any target

Gram Sword

- Legendary and powerful sword created for _____ and gifted to _____

- Used by Sigmund's son Sigurd to slay the dragon _____

Skidbladnir

- Best ship in Norse Mythology that can fold up to fit in a pocket, sail on wind and water and always has favorable wind

Laevateinn

- Weapon created by Loki to kill _____ atop the _____ thus preventing him from warning Odin of Ragnarök

MYSTICAL OBJECTS

Runes

- Powerful symbols used not only for communication but also secret knowledge and _____
- Discovered by _____ and given to _____

Mead of Poetry

- Mythical beverage that turns the drinker into a _____ (poet/storyteller) or _____ able to recite any information and solve any _____

Gleipnir

- Unbreakable _____-like chain used by _____ to bind _____

Sword of Surtur

- The impossibly destructive flaming sword used by _____ to destroy most of the nine realms during Ragnarök

Gjallarhorn

- _____ horn which he will sound to herald the beginning of _____

Draupnir

- Odin's golden ring that "drips" _____ duplicate rings every _____ night

Andvaranaut

- Mystical ring that helps with finding sources of _____
- The ring is cursed and brings immense _____ to it _____

Víðarr's Boot

- Magic boot created from the accumulated scraps of leather from the _____ and _____ of human shoes
- Created by Vidarr to help in his battle against _____

THE WORLD TREE

Yggdrasil

- Central sacred _____ in Norse Mythology
- It reaches into the _____ and has roots that exist in the realms _____
- Everything, including the _____ worlds, exist around it

Springs of the World Tree

- Supply water to the tree and its realms
- The wells are: Well of _____, Well of _____ and the _____ Spring

Birds of The World Tree

- The unnamed _____ sits on the highest branches observing the realms
- Vedrfölnir, the hawk, sits between the Eagle's _____ and acts as a _____

Stags of the World Tree

- Represent the four _____ / four _____
- Dew from their _____ forms the world's rivers

Norns

- _____ Goddesses who weave _____ and tend to the world tree

Ratatoskr

- Squirrel who acts as a _____ running up and down the world tree

Nidhogg

- Malicious _____ who gnaws at the _____ of the world tree

PLACES

Ginnungagap

- Primordial vast abyss of _____ that existed before the cosmos

Vígríðr

- Battlefield where the final, apocalyptic battle of _____ will take place

THE NINE REALMS

Asgard

- Home of the _____ gods that is surrounded by an impregnable _____
- Connected to _____ by the _____ bridge

Vanaheim

- Home of the _____

Midgard

- Middle "safe" realm and home of _____

Alfheim

- Home of the _____

Jötunheimr

- Realm of chaotic _____ and home of the _____

Nidavellir

- Home of the _____, master craftsmen and smiths
- Depending on the source, it is either its own realm or a region within the larger realm of _____

Muspelheim

- Primordial realm of _____
- The mixing of its _____ and _____ with Niflheim's freezing poisonous rivers created the fog of creation
- Home of _____ and the _____

Niflheim

- Primordial realm of ice, mist, fog, and cold
- Abode of the dead who died from _____ or _____

Svartalheim

- Shadowy subterranean realm of the dark _____

PLACES

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH ASGARD

Valhalla

- Glorious _____ for fallen warriors who died bravely in _____
- Not a final resting place, but rather a _____ for Ragnarök

Eldhrímnir

- Cauldron used by the chef _____ to cook _____ for the nightly Valhalla feast

Andhrímnir

- _____ of the Norse Gods

Sæhrímnir

- Boar that is hunted, cooked and eaten nightly by the _____ and _____ in Valhalla and regenerates the next day

Bifröst

- Rainbow bridge that connects _____ to _____
- Guarded by _____
- Broken during Ragnarok

PLACES

PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH HELHEIM

Helheim

- Norse underworld for those who died from _____, _____ or a _____ fate
- Ruled by the goddess _____ and guarded by _____

Garm

- Guards the underworld _____
- Will eventually break his chains and his _____ will signify the start of Ragnarök
- Fights _____ and both will die

Gjöll

- _____ that divides the land of the living from the land of the dead

Éljúðnir

- _____ hall in Niflheim

Móðguðr

- Guardian of the bridge, _____, and gatekeeper for those entering Hel

Gjallarbrú

- Bridge that crosses the river of the dead and leads into _____

Náströnd

- Afterlife for the _____ and severe _____
- The dragon _____ devours dishonorable souls here

GHOSTS & SPIRITS

Mare

- Malevolent spirit that causes _____ and sleep _____

Myling

- Vengeful spirit of an unwanted _____ that is murdered by his/her _____.

Vörðr

- Personal guardian spirit, or "warden," that accompanies an individual from _____ to _____

Draugr

- Malevolent supernaturally powerful _____ beings or _____ that rise from their graves to guard their burial mounds and/or treasure, haunt the living, and wreak havoc

Skogsrå

- Forest creature that will either lead one to his _____ or reward loyalty with better _____.

Deildegast

- Ghost of a person who moved _____ stones to enlarge their _____ during their lifetime

Rå

- Spirits that _____ a particular location of landform

CREATURES & COMPANION ANIMALS

Gullfaxi

- Golden maned horse given to _____ by Thor
- Equally fast on _____, _____ or _____

Geri and Freki

- Companion wolves of _____

Huginn and Muninn

- Two Raven messengers/information gatherers of _____

Hófvarpnir

- Flying messenger horse of _____ that can run over _____ and _____

Tanngrisnir and Tanngnjóstr

- Two goats that pull _____ chariot

Kraken

- Legendary, colossal sea monster, often described as a giant _____ or _____

“TWILIGHT OF THE GODS”

Someday – whenever the _____, those inscrutable spinners of fate, decree it – there shall come a Great Winter unlike any other the world has yet seen. The biting winds will blow snows from all directions, and the warmth of the sun will fail, plunging the earth into unprecedented cold. This winter shall last for the length of three normal winters, with no summers in between. Mankind will become so desperate for food and other necessities of life that all laws and morals will fall away, leaving only the bare struggle for survival. It will be an age of swords and axes; brother will slay brother, father will slay son, and son will slay father.

The wolves _____ and _____, who have hunted the sun and the moon through the skies since the beginning of time, will at last catch their prey. The stars, too, will disappear, leaving nothing but a black void in the heavens. _____, the great tree that holds the cosmos together, will tremble, and all the trees and even the mountains will fall to the ground. The chain that has been holding back the monstrous wolf _____ will snap, and the beast will run free. _____, the mighty serpent who dwells at the bottom of the ocean and encircles the land, will rise from the depths, spilling the seas over all the earth as he makes landfall.

These convulsions will shake the ship ____ free from its moorings. This ship, which is made from the fingernails and toenails of dead men and women, will sail easily over the flooded earth. Its crew will be an army of giants, the forces of chaos and destruction. And its captain will be none other than _____, the traitor to the gods, who will have broken free of the chains in which the gods have bound him.

Fenrir, with fire blazing from his eyes and nostrils, will run across the earth, with his lower jaw on the ground and his upper jaw against the top of the sky, devouring everything in his path. Jormungand will spit his venom over all the world, poisoning land, water, and

air alike. _____ will assemble an army of the dead to assist her brothers and father in the final battle.

The dome of the sky will be split, and from the crack shall emerge the fire-giants from _____. Their leader shall be _____, with a flaming sword brighter than the sun in his hand. As they march across _____, the rainbow bridge to Asgard, the home of the gods, the bridge will break and fall behind them. An ominous horn blast will ring out; this will be _____, the divine sentry, blowing the _____ to announce the arrival of the moment the gods have feared. Odin will anxiously consult the head of _____, the wisest of all beings, for counsel.

The gods will decide to go to battle, even though they know their time is coming to an end. The Twilight of the Gods begins, Ragnarök is here. They will arm themselves and meet their enemies on a battlefield called _____.

_____ will fight Fenrir, and by his side will be the _____, the host of his chosen human warriors whom he has kept in Valhalla for just this moment. Odin and the champions of men will fight more valiantly than anyone has ever fought before. But it will not be enough. Fenrir will swallow Odin and his men. Then one of Odin's sons, _____, burning with rage, will charge the beast to avenge his father. On one of his feet will be the shoe that has been crafted for this very purpose; it has been made from all the scraps of leather that human shoemakers have ever discarded, and with it Vidar will hold open the monster's mouth. Then he will stab his sword through the wolf's throat, killing him.

Another wolf, _____, and the god _____ will slay each other. Heimdall and Loki will do the same, putting a final end to the trickster's treachery, but costing the gods one of their best in the process.

The god _____ and the giant _____ will also be the end of each other. However, their fight will prove costly for the world as during the battle _____ will burn the remaining land reducing it to ashes.

_____ and Jörmungandr, those age-old foes, will both finally have their chance to kill the other. _____ will succeed in felling the great snake with the blows of his hammer. But the serpent will have covered him in so much venom that he will not be able to stand for much longer; he will take nine paces before falling dead himself and adding his blood to the already-saturated soil of Vigrid.

Then the remains of the world will sink into the sea, and there will be nothing left but the void. Creation and all that has occurred since will be completely undone, as if it had never happened.



Some say that that is the end of the tale – and of all tales, for that matter. But others hold that a new world, green and beautiful, will arise out of the waters. Vidar and a few other gods – Vali, Baldur, Hodr, and Thor’s sons Modi and Magni – will survive the downfall of the old world, and will live joyously in the new one. A man and a woman, Lif and Lifthrasir, will have hidden themselves from the cataclysm in a place called the “Wood of Hoddmimir”, and will now come out and populate the lush land in which they will find themselves. A new sun, the daughter of the previous one, will rise in the sky. And all of this will be presided over by a new, almighty ruler.

Norse Cultural Connection Project

Every mythology has its fair share of magical trinkets. Everyone's got magical weapons, that are more often than not swords. Helmets? Yep. Shields? Of Course. Necklaces and Medallions? Yawwwnn, yes and yes. And most mythologies have the unique oddball trinket or two, but have you seen the Norse? Those guys, and gals, are like a factory for mystical objects. They've got the usual ones and enough swords to build a throne out of, but they've also got hammers, horns and spears. They've also got ships, lots of ships, so many in fact that they have ones made out of toenails and others that can fold up and be placed in your pocket. They got magical rocks, mead, belts and gloves. The even have a magical shoe, you read that correctly – shoe not shoes. I could go on, but I think you've got the point.

For this unit's cultural project, we will be honoring this tradition, so you will be creating your own mystical object.

Requirements

- A picture of your article
- A brief article that supplies critical information about your object.



Guidelines

Creative Component:

- You will draw a colored picture of your object on a clean sheet of white paper.
***If you can't draw, that's no excuse. You've got a Chromebook. Find a picture of the object you want to design and trace.**



Written Component:

Your informational article must contain the following sections:

- **Name:** The name of your object.
- **Location:** Where can this object be found?
- **Wielded/Used by:** Who is meant to wield or use this object?
- **Origin/Creation:** A brief backstory on your object's creation. (At least 10 sentences)
- **Abilities/Limitations:** Do you really need an explanation for this?

Project Suggestion:

- NO SWORDS! The Norse already have enough swords to supply every pantheon for eternity. We don't need anymore. Also, NO HAMMERS, for obvious reasons.
- Your object can be nearly anything. A magical food? A piece of clothing? A weapon? Armor? An everyday object like a chair, fork or saw. What about something odd like a plank of wood, a birdhouse or a door. The possibilities are endless.

Point Value

This project is worth 100 points.



Norse Mythology Research Paper

Welcome to the wonderful world of research papers! (Strong round of applause!) Your research paper for this unit will be a short MLA Format paper on an aspect of Norse Mythology (God/Goddess/Creature/Place/Tale).

* All project topics must be approved by **MR. RINKEVICH.**

Paper Format

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| * Size 12 Font | * 1 Inch Margins | * Black Ink Only |
| * Times New Roman Font | * Double Spaced | *Page Number Top Right Corner |

Paper Requirements

*1 – 3 Pages of Text

- 1 Page = 1 Full Side + 1 sentence onto the next page.

* **Works Cited Page**

- MLA Documentation (Internal Citation)
- Every paragraph in your paper must include a citation.

* **You will need at least 3 sources for your paper.**

- **DO USE:** Online Articles, Mythology Specific Websites, Newspaper/Magazine Articles, Books
- Check my website for suggestions
- **DO NOT USE:** Wikipedia, Ask.com, Basically any site that allows user edited content.

ANY USE OF AI WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR YOUR PAPER.

Point Value

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Norse Mythology Research Paper ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENT

Tired of writing research papers? At this point in the year, I kind of understand. If this describes you, well here's can alternative assignment.

Your alternative research paper assignment is, drum roll please... a poetry writing assignment! Yes, those warriors known for extremes acts of heroism and violence, actually wrote, sometimes, composed, memorized and recited poetry to each other. Why? Because that's what warriors who would put an axe through your skull would do when they weren't eating, sleeping, drinking or putting an axe through your skull.


Requirements

- A Poem, or poems about a character, place, object or event in Norse mythology.

Guidelines

Written Component:

- Choose
 - 1 Poem – 45 lines
 - 2 Poems – 25 lines each
 - 3 Poems – 20 lines each
 - 4 Poems – 15 line each



I vanquish my enemies with brutal violence by day and write tender sensitive poems about flowers and puppies by night.

- You **DO NOT** need to use the preferred Viking styles of **Eddic** or **Skaldic** poetry though I would be supremely impressed if you did, and I don't impress easily.
- You can choose any type of rhyme scheme or style you desire. Free verse or open prose would probably be the easiest style to use.
- You **DO** need to pepper your poem with plenty of **KENNING**.

A kenning is a metaphorical compound phrase used in place of a simple noun

Example: Don't write – Thor swung his hammer.

Do write – Thor swung his divine instrument of electrical destruction!

Presentation Component:

- Relax spineless invertebrate. You don't need to present this out loud. Even though I probably should make you present in front of your fellow warriors in honor of the spirit of Viking bravery. However, if you do present it, I will give you some extra points on the assignment. I'll even let a fellow classmate read your literary achievement to the class and give them some extra credit instead. Feel better now brave warrior?

Point Value

This project is worth 100 points.

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