

Homework – Due by 7-17
Please include a word count!!

1. What is Odin's possession Draupnir?
2. How many legs does Odin's horse Sleipnir have?
3. What do the names of Odin's ravens mean?
4. What physical deformity does Odin have? How did he lose that body part?
5. How does Frigg intend to protect Balder?
6. How is Balder killed?
7. What is the name of Thor's hammer?
8. What element is usually associated with Thor
9. How did Loki become associated with the Norse gods (Aesir)?
10. When will Loki be freed?
11. What does Freya get from the battlefield?
12. What 2 areas is Freya goddess of? Think about that – why would those things be associated?
13. What is Ragnarok?
14. Does the term "berserker" refer to all Scandanavian warriors?
15. Regardless of whether the term berserker refers to warrior's bare chests or to their animal-hide clothing, what does it tell you about the toughness of their armor?
16. With what god are berserkers associated?
17. What special ability were berserkers supposed to have in battle (like, why become a berserker)?
18. Some scholars think berserkers may have increased their ferocity with what drugs?
19. In your own words (DON'T quote the reading), describe what happens when someone goes berserk.
20. Describe a drawback of berserkering.
21. Name the hero of the Nibelungenlied.
22. What is the Nebelungenschatz (try saying that three times fast)?
23. What is Siegfried's weakness?
24. Who is Brunhild?
25. How does Hagen know where Siegfried's weak spot is?
26. What does Hagen do with the Nebelungenschatz?
27. Who kills Gunther and Hagen?
28. Okay, so what about the Norse? We talked about the Greeks with their focus on humanity, so that even their gods were glorified humans. What do the Norse gods tell you about Norse culture?
29. What characteristics of the Norse heroes make them heroic?