

The Men from the North

- In the beginning...
- Giants
- Vanyir
- Aesir



Oðin



All Father
Wisdom has a price
High seat
War/battle
Poetry *from magical mead*

Thor



Mjolnir
God of thunder
God of order
Manly man
Big beard. Big appetite. Big temper. Big sweetie.
Patron of peasants

Loki



Child of giants, but grows up at Odin's foster brother

Trickster/Shapeshifter

Ambivalent association

Lover of a giantess

Fenrir – Wolf

Jormungand – Midgard serpent

Hel – ½ living ½ dead

Tricksters

- Good/ evil
- Push limits of society
 - Establish borders
 - Question status-quo
- Self-destructive
- Humorous, wise, teacher
- Often evolve into heroes or villains



Freya



Goddess of love & lust

Perfect in beauty

Weeps gold

War goddess – *chooses warriors for Valhalla*

Frígg

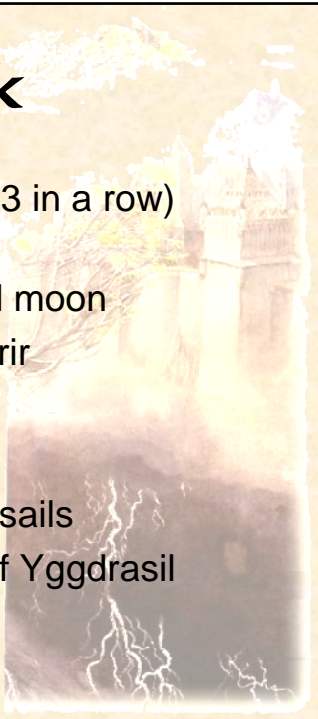


Odin's wife

Earth/mother goddess

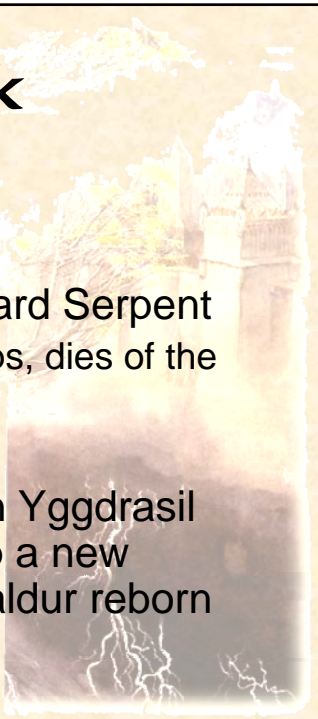
Can foresee the fates of men

Ragnarok



- Fimbulwinter – winter of winters (3 in a row)
 - Feuds break out/ loss of morality
- Great wolves devour the sun and moon
- Earthquake releasing Loki & Fenrir
- Gods & monsters called to battle
- Midgard serpent & Hel rise
- From the North, the ship Naglfar sails
- Dragon chews through the root of Yggdrasil

Ragnarok



- Odin will go for Fenrir
 - Odin is finally eaten
- Thor is attacked by the Midgard Serpent
 - Kills the beast, staggers 9 steps, dies of the poison
- The earth burns
- 2 humans hide themselves in Yggdrasil they will emerge and worship a new generation of Gods led by Baldur reborn

Sources

- Eddas
- Volsung Saga
- Niebelungenleid
- Kalevala



Legacies

Days of the week

Literature/ Film

Art



Who lives here?

- Greek
 - Gods
 - Titans
 - Humans
 - Monsters
- Norse
 - Giants
 - Dark elves
 - Humans
 - Aesir (gods)
 - Light elves
 - Dwarves
 - Vanir
 - Squirrel
 - Dragons/ monsters

The Building of the Wall

1. Why do the gods want a wall?
2. What is the time limit for the stranger building the wall around Asgard?
3. Who is the Stranger's only assistant?
4. What reward does the Stranger want?
5. Who keeps the stranger from collecting his reward?
6. How does he do it?

Iduna and her Apples: How Loki put the gods in danger

1. Why are the apples so special?
2. What happens if anyone except Iduna touches them?
3. Whose territory are Loki & Odin in when they decide to have dinner?
4. What is the difference between Loki's reaction to the uncookable meat and Odin's reaction?
5. What final obstacle keeps the giant out and lets Loki and Iduna in?

The All-Father's Forebodings/ Odin goes to Mimir's Well

1. Where does Odin go when he feels troubled?
2. Who does he visit there?
3. Why can't Thor go?
4. Where does Odin realize he has to go?
5. What does Odin look like when he's disguised? What's his name?
6. What's the price for a drink at the well?

The Valkyrie

1. What gender are Valkyrie?
2. What do the Valkyrie do?
3. What happens in Valhalla?
4. Why does Brynhild make Odin mad?
5. What does she ask for?

Baldur's Doom

1. What's so special about Baldur's house?
2. Who is Baldur's mom?
3. What does she hear about Hel and where does she hear it from?
4. What does Baldur's mom do to try to protect him?
5. What are the gods doing to Baldur when they think he is protected?
6. Who kills Baldur? How?
7. What is Baldur's ransom?
8. Why can he not return to Asgard?

What are the gods like?

- Greek
 - Human-like
 - Flawed
 - Immortal
 - Selfish
 - Don't fight own battles
 - Use mankind like chess
- Norse
 - Human-like
 - Flawed
 - Mortal (long-lived)
 - Less selfish
 - Fight own battles
 - Respect mankind more than Greeks

Gender Roles?

- Greek
 - Guys – Fight, be heroes, produce kids
 - Women – cook, obey men, provide wisdom
 - Perception of women
 - Produce conflict
 - Provide wisdom
 - Love = Sledgehammer
- Norse
 - Guys – Battle!!! Drink & party, be heroes,
 - Women – battle, Sort of obey men (faithful)
 - Perception of women
 - No more trouble than men
 - Provide wisdom

What would make a hero?

- Greek
 - Pretty
 - Success
 - Strength
 - Gods' favor
- Norse
 - Dying in battle
 - Bravery
 - More brainpower

