

Void...named Ginningagap

Void between ice and heat...originally icy but begins to melt

Out of melting droplets comes **Ymir**, evil frost giant

Ymir falls asleep and, since things are heating up, sweats

Sweat drips from his armpit and turns into a man and a woman

Sweat from his leg turned into another man

More ice melted & H₂O turns into a cow (Audumla)

Ymir drank the cow's milk & she licks the salty ice revealing another man, Buri

Buri has a son who marries another frost giant and has 3 sons.

They hate Ymir and kill him, then take his body to the center of the void to make the world

- Flesh for earth
- Unbroken bones for mountains
- Broken bones for rocks
- Ocean of blood in a ring around the world
- Skull in sky w/ dwarf under each corner
- Sparks & embers for heavenly bodies
- Brains for clouds
- Area for giants enclosed
- Area for humans **Midgard** – nicest area enclosed by Ymir's eyebrows
- Gods make humans Ask & Embla from whom all humans are descended
- Maggots in Ymir's flesh are turned into dwarves & given caves
- **Asgard** built – linked to Midgard by a flaming rainbow bridge
- **Over everything grows Yggdrasill – 3 roots w/ a spring under each. Eagle & Hawk in branches, squirrel, deer, dragon**

Vanyir – older fertility gods (Freyr, Freya, Njord)

Aesir – more recent, warlike gods (Odin, Thor)

Branches

Álfheimr – World of the elves

Vanaheimr – Land of the Vanir

Asgard – Land of the Aesir

Midgard

Jotunheim - giants

Niðavellir - World of the dwarves

Hel – world of afterlife/ shadow

Niflheim – mist world

Muspelheim – flame world

Ratatoskr (squirrel) eagle & dragon

RAGNAROK

Aesir vs. giants