

Reading!

LO: To retrieve key information from the text to answer questions.



Brief outline of the text:

This is a book all about Norse legends. Norse legends are taken from the Vikings, who believed in the Norse Gods. You will know some of the Norse gods already, as the legends are used in lots of popular films like The Avengers.



Questions:

1. Where do humans live?
2. Who is Odin?
3. How many brothers does Odin have?
4. Who is Frigg married to?
5. What does Thor love doing?
6. Who are Loki's parents?
7. What is Njord God of?
8. Who is Freya's brother?

Glossary:

- realm - universe. In this case, the universe where the Norse Gods live.
- status - job or role.
- noble - a good person who does the right thing
- stubborn - does what they want
- fertility - being able to have children
- plenty - being rich and wealthy

About Norse Myths

Norse Myths are the stories told by the Norsemen, often known as Vikings, who lived over a thousand years ago in lands to the far north: Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland. During long winter nights they shared stories that fired their imaginations and their fighting spirit.

The myths are set in nine magical realms, bound together by a mighty ash tree, Yggdrasil. Humans lived in a place named Midgard, but within the eight other realms dwelled gods and goddesses, giants and dwarves, dragons and many other amazing, monstrous creatures.



Characters and Realms

ASGARD

Realm of the warrior gods, known as the Aesir.
The main Aesir gods are...

Odin, king of Asgard and father of many gods, known as the Allfather. The son of Bor, he has three brothers: Vili, Ve and Honir.

Frigg, queen of Asgard. Goddess of marriage and motherhood, she is known for her kindness.

Thor, the thunder god. Son of Odin, he loves fighting, feasting and drinking.

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VANAHEIM

Realm of the Vanir, the fertility gods.
The main Vanir gods are...

Loki, a child of giants who lives in Asgard and has god-like status. He loves adventures, mischief and trickery.

Njord, king of Vanaheim. God of the sea, he is noble, wise and stubborn.

Frey, son of Njord and god of fertility and plenty.

Freya, daughter of Njord and goddess of love and beauty.

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