

Viking Gods and Goddesses

We Are Learning To: Explore the Gods and Goddesses of Norse mythology.

Can you remember the answer to these quick-fire questions from last weeks lesson?



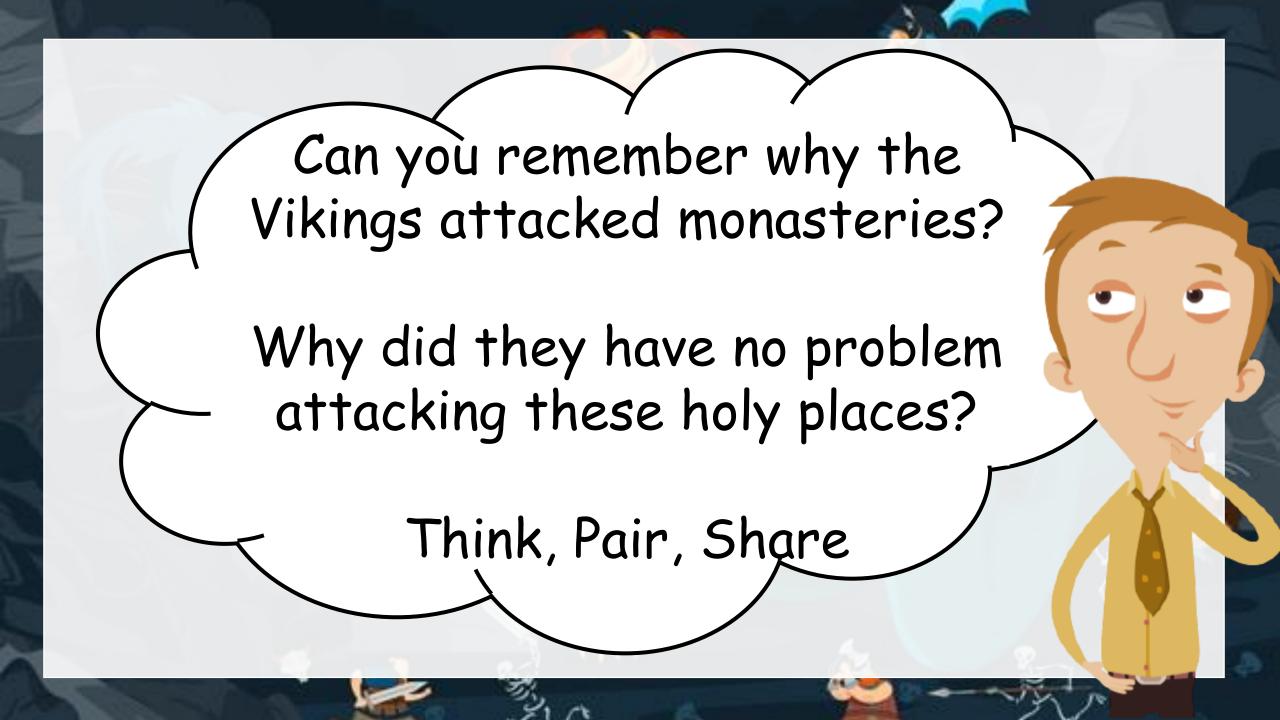
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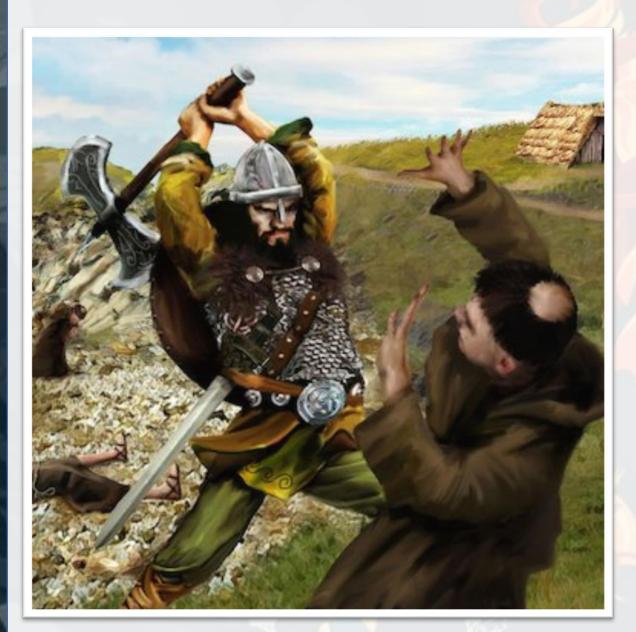


What did the Vikings do when they arrived?



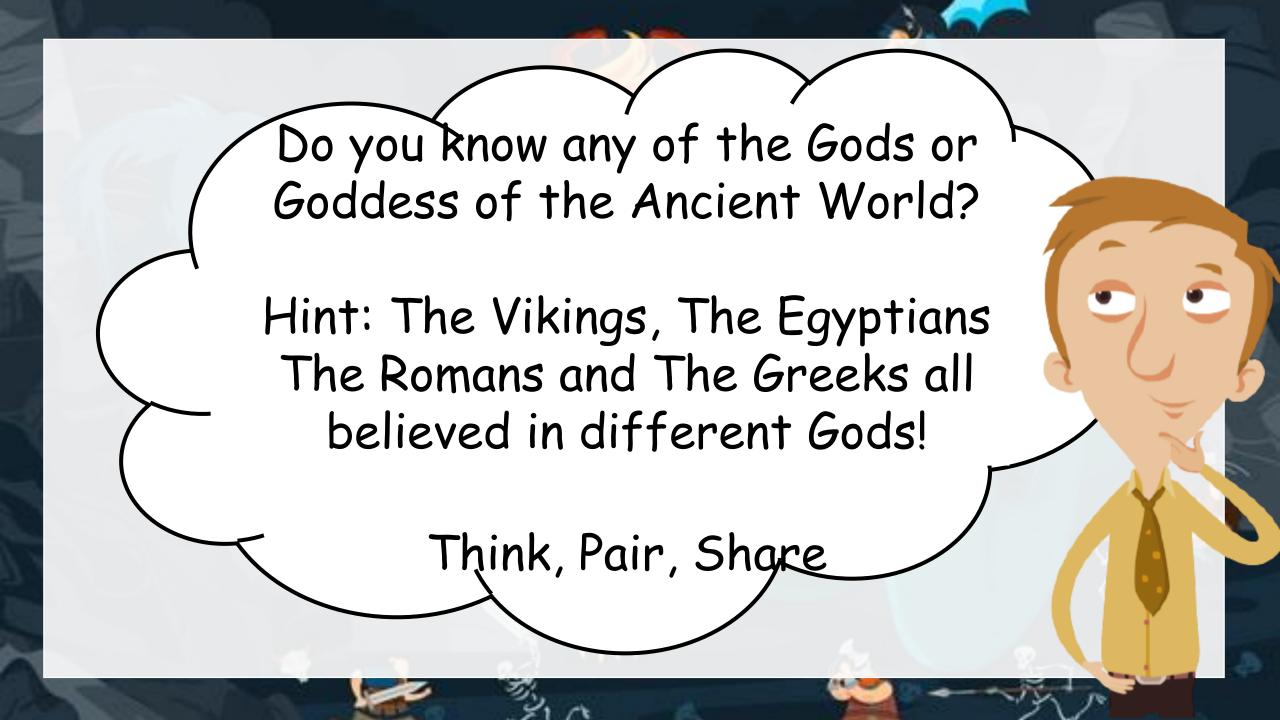
What jobs did the men and women in Viking villages do?





The Vikings had no problem attacking churches and monasteries because they were not Christians.

They didn't believe in the same God as the monks, so they were not afraid. In fact they had lots of different Gods and Goddesses of their own!



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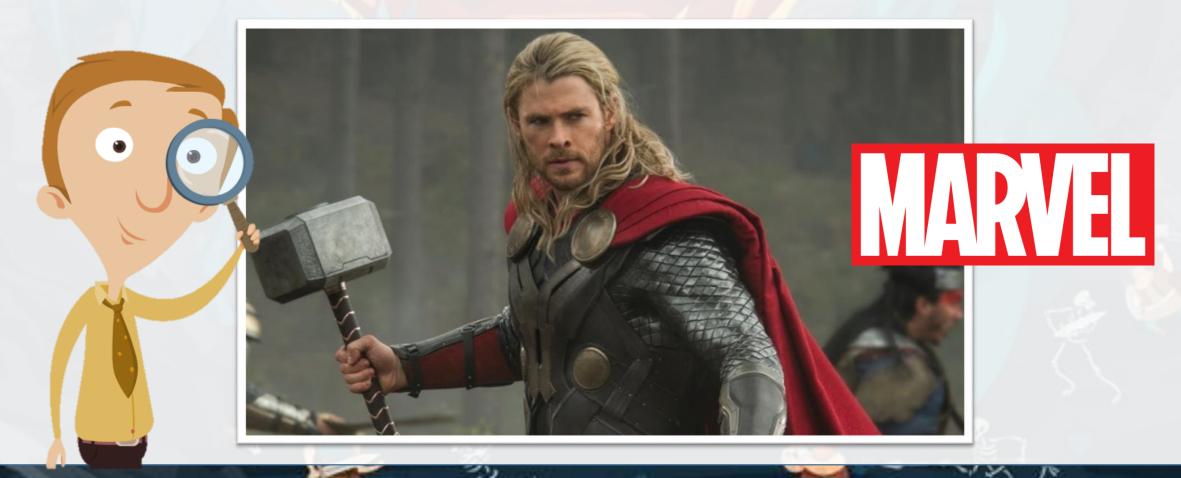






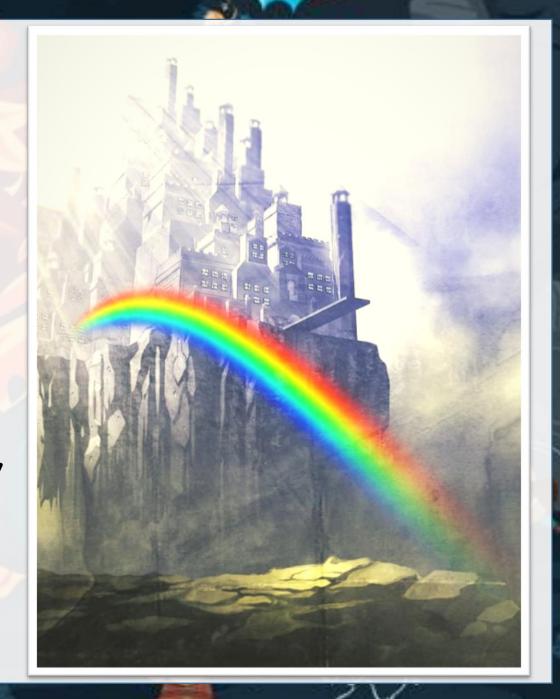


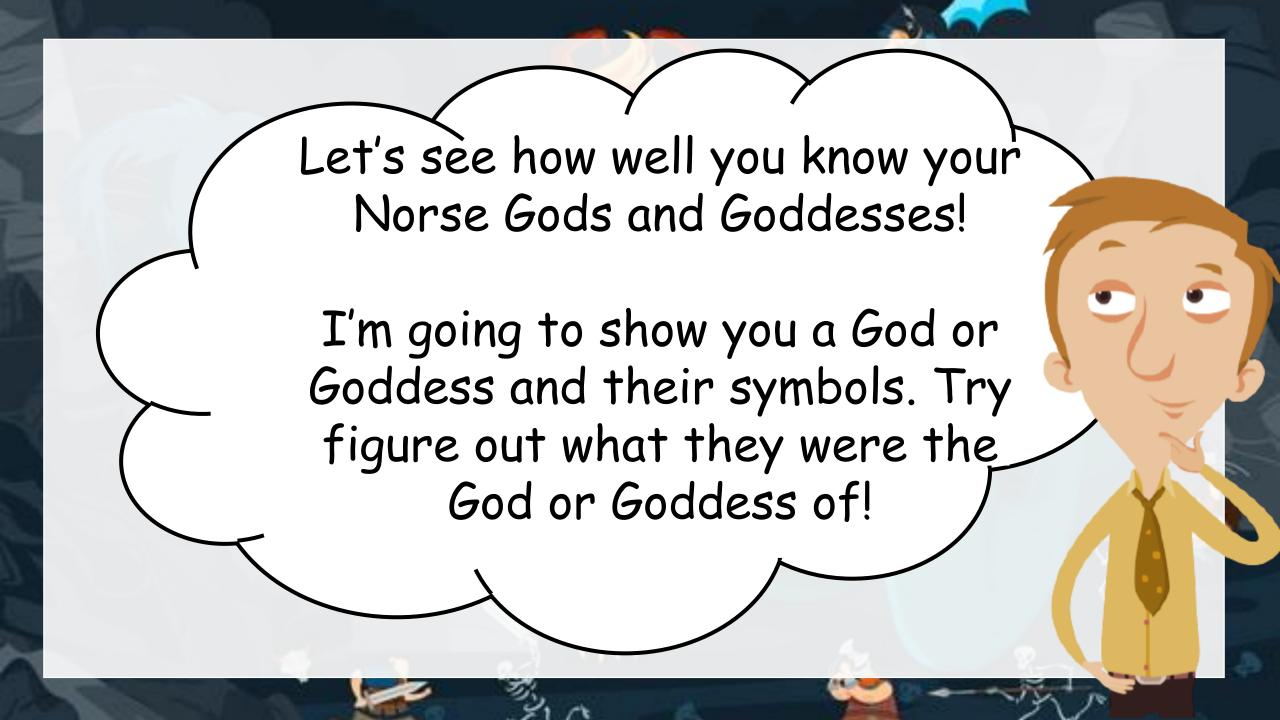
The Vikings had 15 main Gods and Goddesses. These Gods and Goddesses all their own area of speciality. You have probably heard of some of them before, especially if you've seen some of the Marvel films!



Most of the Gods and Goddesses lived in a magical place called Asgard. There was only one way to get to Asgard from Earth and that was on the Bifrost, the Rainbow Bridge.

This bridge was protected by the guardian God Heimdall. Only once in history did Heimdall fail to protect Asgard from it's enemies!





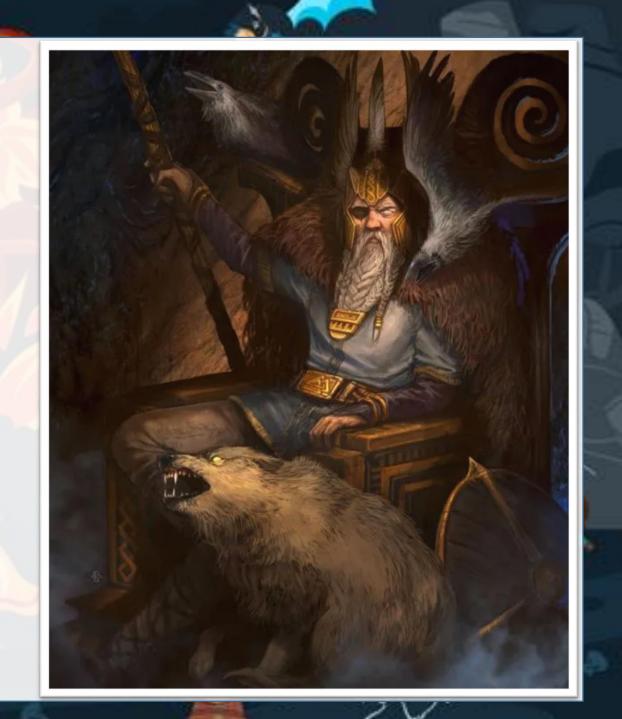


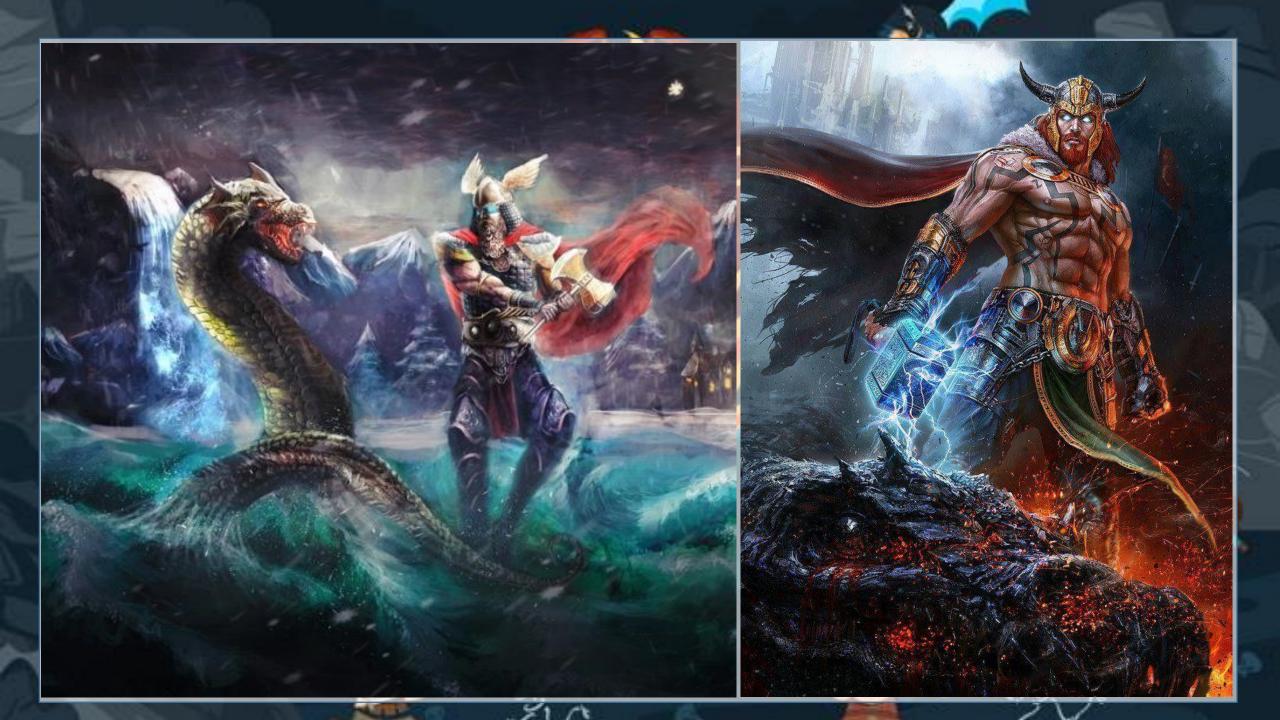
Odin was the king of all the Norse Gods. He was the most important Norse God.

He was the ruler of Asgard and the father of Thor.

He had the power to shapeshift when he came down to Earth.

He owned an eight-legged horse called Sleipneir.





Thor was the protector God of Asgard. He was the God of thunder, lightening and storms.

He was Odin's son. He was one of the most popular Norse Gods because he was kind to humans.

He had a hammer called Mjolnir, that could destroy most things.

He did not have a horse, instead he had two war goats called Tanngrisnir and Tanngnjóstr.





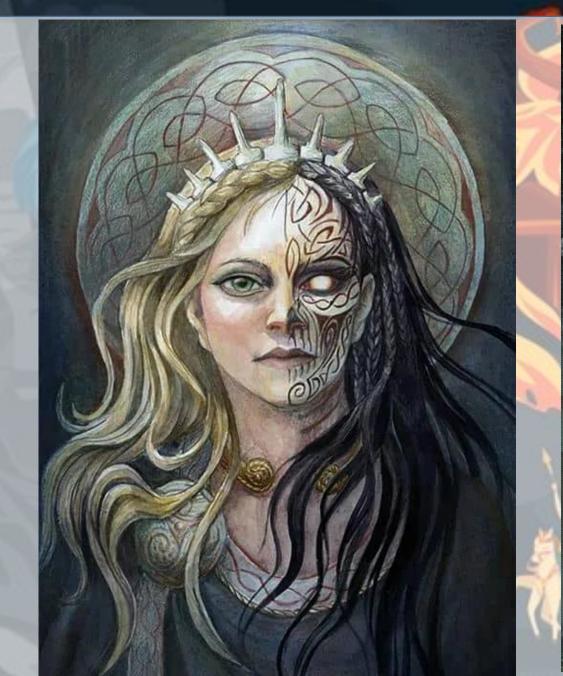
Loki was the God of trickery, disguise and mischief.

Loki spent most of his time trying to trick the other Gods, lying and betraying them often.

He was considered an evil God by the Vikings. Thor hated Loki because he killed his brother Balder.

Loki was able to hypnotise humans to get them to do what he wanted.







Hel was the Goddess of the underworld.

She was the daughter of Loki. She did not live in Asgard, but in Helheim. All souls sent to the underworld faced Hel for their punishment.

In the underworld, Hel was the most powerful of all Gods, even more powerful than Odin himself.

She guarded the underworld with the help of a giant wolf and a giant snake.



There are lots of other Gods and Goddesses too!

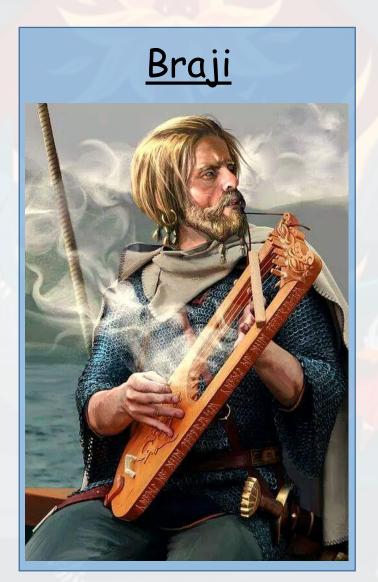






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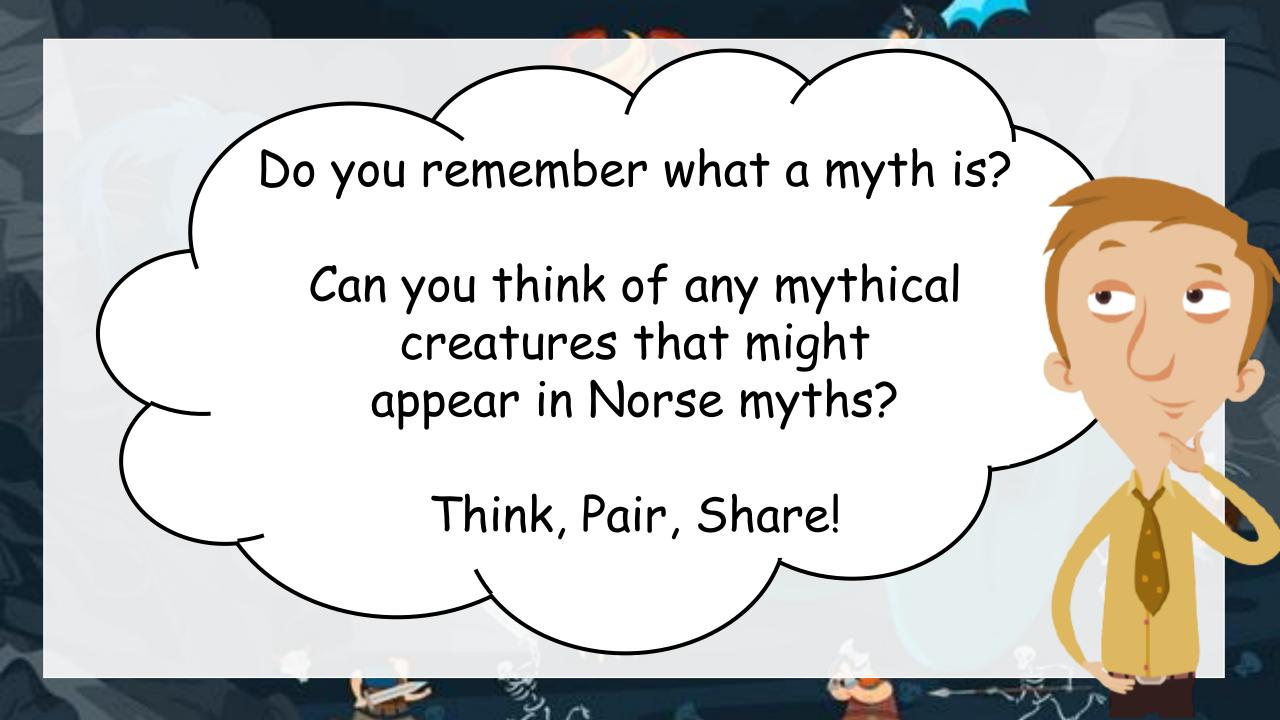




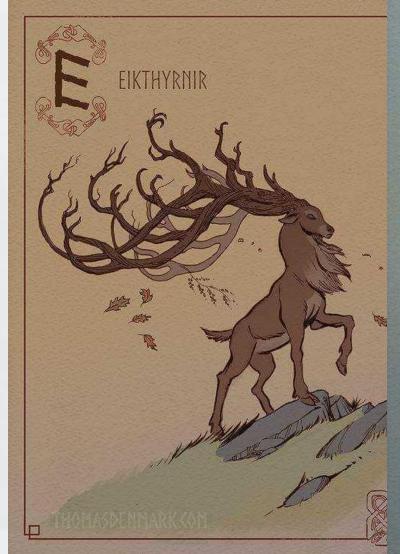


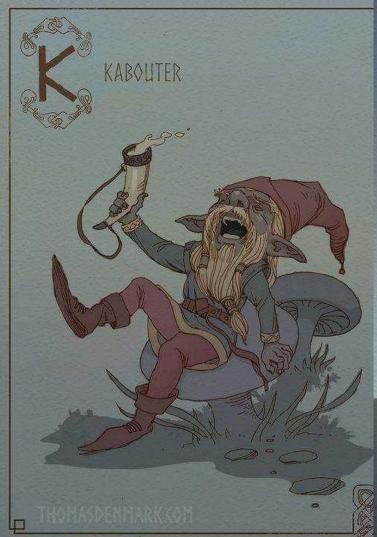
As well as their many Gods and Goddesses, the Vikings also believed in all sorts of mythical creatures. These beasts and monsters appear often in Norse myths and legends.





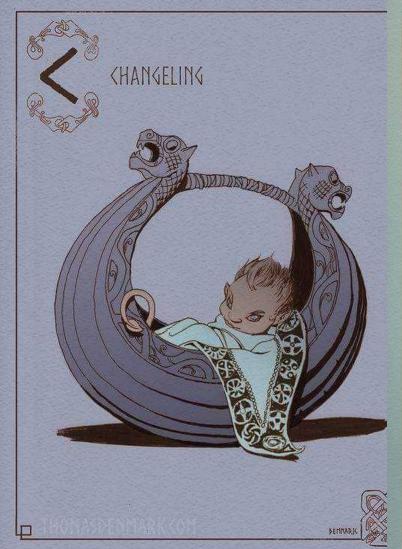
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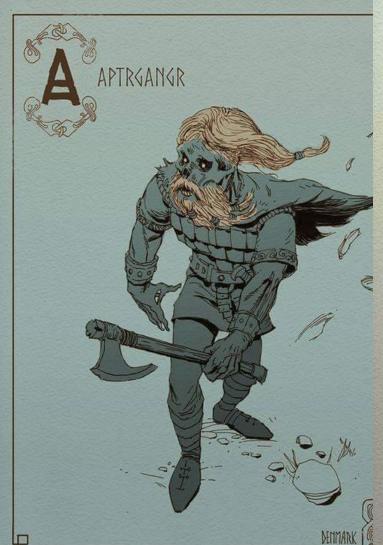






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Activity Time

We're going to learn a bit more about the religious beliefs of the Vikings. We'll be working in stations to learn about the Gods and Goddesses the Vikings believed in. We'll also be learning a bit more about the creatures from their myths!



Norse Mythology Stations

Stations:

- 1) <u>Creatures Flipbook</u> Drawing creatures from their descriptions
- 2) Norse God Trump Card Designing a top trump card for your favourite God or Goddess