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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpxIGTvKwOE>

Watch the video and write what you learn about their:

- History
- Education systems
- Family life

# Norse Mythology



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOddp-nlNvQ>
- **What do you infer about Thor, Loki and Odin from this clip?**



# discussion question – what does this belief show us about Viking culture?

- Valhalla info:
- Viking's aim of death was to reach Valhalla.
- Valhalla - a great hall in the afterlife where great warriors went.
- The only way to get there was dying in battle.
- Otherwise you could end up in the underworld.
- Warriors were brought to Valhalla by Odin's warrior-maidens, the Valkyries.
- Dead people were buried or cremated with some of their belongings.
- Some Vikings chiefs were given ship-burials.
- Buried with weapons, animals, etc.

– how does the information about Valhalla change the way we view some / all of them?

# Thor's Hammer



## TEXT 16 – Thor's Missing Hammer (Pt.1)

- this is part of an important Norse myth – discuss prior learning; what do we expect to find in this story? (structure / morals / relatable characters / tragedy)



# Recall

What can you remember about...

<b>Thor</b>	<b>Loki</b>
<b>Freyja</b>	<b>Giants of Asgard</b>

# Thor's Missing Hammer Pt.2

Highlight with foci:

- What do we learn about Thor?
  - What do we learn about Loki?
  - What do we learn about Freya?
  - What do we learn about Thim?
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- **Aspire:** What do we learn about the relationship between Thor and Loki?

# How does the writer present the character of Thor?

- The writer presents Thor as...
- This is illustrated when he says ...
- This suggests that...because...
- This may also suggest that...because...

# Freya

LI: To explore the roles of women in mythology



# Freyja – Goddess of Love and Beauty

In Norse mythology, Freyja is a goddess associated with love, beauty, fertility, gold, war, and death.

She has the finest of all jewels called Brisingarmen. Her husband is Odur (in Old Norse, who later became known as Odin). Her husband left a long time ago and she has travelled to many lands to look for him, but not managed to find him.

Freyja has ever since wept for him. Her tears are of gold.

When she travels she goes about in a chariot that is pulled by cats. She likes the music of humans and it is good to worship her when it comes to matters of love.



## TEXT 19 - What Was Life Like for Women in the Viking Age?

- <https://www.history.com/news/what-was-life-like-for-women-in-the-viking-age>

Challenge: Summarise the life of women in Viking society in your words.

Aspire: Can you use quotations to support the ideas in your summary?

# Reduce

Write what you have learnt about Viking women today...

**IN JUST 5 WORDS**

## Comparing women in different eras

On whiteboard:

What can you recall  
about Freya?



## TEXT 18 – Women in Medieval England

- <https://historylearning.com/medieval-england/medieval-women/>

Challenge: Summarise the life of women in Medieval society in your words.

Aspire: Can you use quotations to support the ideas in your summary?

# Comparison

*Viking women were allowed to get divorced  
**WHILE** Medieval women had to stay married  
no matter what.*

**Challenge: What are the differences between being a Viking woman and a Medieval woman. Write at least 3 sentences using comparative vocabulary.**

**Aspire: Can you use quotations to support the ideas in your comparisons?**

**Would you prefer to be a Viking/Medieval woman and why?**

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