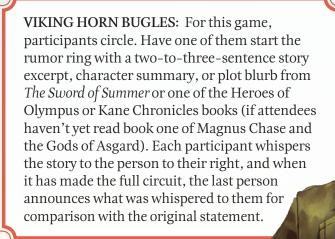


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SWORD OF SUMMER PARTY IDEAS

DECORATING IDEAS: In *The Sword of Summer*, Magnus Chase finds himself in Valhalla. To prepare for your Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard event, introduce the atmosphere of the Norse longhouse into your space. Backdrops of log walls, evergreen forests, and snowy hillsides will get attendees into the spirit of the journey Magnus Chase takes. Use butcher paper to create your backdrops; adding to the scene with a profile of a longboat deck and the Rainbow Bridge to Asgard will help create the scene for the party.

A NORSE FEAST: Building a civilization (or being the gods worshipped by it) in the frozen climes of far northern Europe is hard work! The Norse offset the cold climate and frequent combat with hearty feasts, so entice your partygoers with a wide variety of foods inspired by Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard. To begin, offer treats with a nod to Scandinavian flair, such as Swedish Fish, Swedish meatballs, Danishes, peppermint and spearmint gum, oatmeal cookies, "lefse" (a sweet or savory flatbread you can represent with chips), "seagull eggs" (malt balls), Warheads, and "mead" (ginger ale or lemonade). Follow these with a spread fit for a healthy Viking by offering a choice of fruits, veggies, and nuts (labeled and separated, of course—you don't want to trigger any allergies).



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ARMED FOR BATTLE

The Norse peoples were famous in history for being fierce warriors who terrified those who might fall to one of their raids. But every Viking needs armament! Ask each party participant to design a sword, a shield, or a helmet featuring an original logo and symbol to serve as a source of strength and protection in battle. Provide markers, paint, glitter, glue, tape, construction paper, cardboard, and the like for the task. Spirit animals such as bears, wolves, foxes, serpents, dragons, owls, eagles, and fish were popular among the Norse, as were symbols of raw power in nature such as lightning, fire, mountains, and the sea. Symbols of the gods, of course, were very popular as well. Encourage participants to think out of the box and use a symbol that fits their own personal style and worldview.



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VIKING VERBAGE

The Norse developed a distinctive writing system known as runes, a system that combined ideographic writing symbols that were applied to the sounds of the Norse languages. Download copies of the Norse runic alphabet and provide materials for participants to create nameplates for themselves, write a note to their parents, or redesign the artwork for a favorite book, musician, band, or sports team using runes in the names.

RUNIC WORD SCRAMBLE: Use runic alphabet symbols for the following clues.

- 2. Norse explorers established colonies on the islands of $XRMM\uparrow F \uparrow \bowtie$ and $IMF \uparrow \bowtie$.
- 3. Viking warriors fought fiercely and bravely in battle in hopes that they would be allowed into the great hall of the afterlife, \(\textit{\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}\mathbb{F}\).
- 5. While the Vikings were notorious warriors, they were also some of medieval Europe's most active MMR

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MANY WORLDS, ONE TREE

The Norse cosmology was contained in a great tree, the world tree Yggdrasil. The various levels of the tree held what the Norse saw as nine realms of existence for all of the beings of the universe. How might you organize such a world? Provide participants with a reproducible sheet of the World Tree, and have them place each of the following realms within the tree in the place where they think it fits best. They might include illustrations to signify the realm. Once they are finished, have them compare their trees to an artist's representation (many of these can be found online).



Asgard (Level 1): brilliantly lit realm of the civilized gods of order and stability, and of Valhalla, the hall of the great warriors of the human race.

Vanaheim (Level 2): idyllic realm of the gods of agriculture, hunting, and the bounty of nature.

Alfheim (Level 2): realm of the white elves, luminous demigods linked to magic and the beauty of nature.

Midgard (Level 3): the realm of man, which is encircled by a great serpent that both contains the human world and prevents direct intrusion from the surrounding realms. It is usually associated with the trunk of the tree.

Bifrost: the rainbow bridge that occasionally connects the worlds of Asgard and Midgard.

Svartalfheim (Level 3): realm of the dwarves and dark creatures such as trolls. They are associated with mining, blacksmithing, and caves.

Jotunheim (Level 3): realm of the frost giants, the ancient and wild creatures at the edge of Yggdrasil who are the greatest threat to both the gods and man.

Niflheim (Level 3): land of frost, mist, ice, and the mountainous cold of the Norse world.

Muspelheim (Level 3): land of fire, steam, and volcanoes.

Well of Urd (Level 4): ground spring of water that is the source of life for Yggdrasil.

Helheim (Level 5): the place of the dead, the unseen world usually associated with the roots of Yggdrasil.

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HISTORY OR LEGEND

How much do you know about the Norse and Germanic worlds? Look at the statements below and circle "History" if you think the statement is true, or "Legend" if you think it is false.

1. In spite of many efforts, the Scandinavian and Germanic worlds were among the few in Europe never to be conquered by the Roman Empire.

LEGEND HISTORY

2. Viking warriors wore helmets with large horns to scare their enemies in battle.

LEGEND HISTORY

3. In order to go to Valhalla in the afterlife, one had to live a good and productive life.

LEGEND HISTORY

4. Viking sailors reached the shores of the Americas almost 500 years prior to Christopher Columbus.

LEGEND HISTORY

5. The Norse were a warrior civilization who had to raid neighboring regions for resources since Scandinavia was too cold for farming.

LEGEND HISTOR

6. Thanks to abundant forests and because of the cold climate, the Norse people constructed elaborate tree houses for shelter.

LEGEND HISTORY

7. Though commonly associated with evil, the Norse god Loki was actually associated more with trickery and mischief and could be involved in harm or good depending on his view of the situation.

LEGEND HISTORY

8. The Norse people celebrated a holiday similar to Christmas.

LEGEND HISTORY

9. Thor, the Norse god of thunder and lightning, was the king of the Norse gods.

LEGEND HISTORY

10. Norse women and girls enjoyed many more rights and freedoms than most other women in Europe in their time.

LEGEND HISTORY

11. The Vikings were a strong empire who ruled most of northern Europe in the Middle Ages.

LEGEND HISTORY

12. Most of the days of the week are named after Norse gods and goddesses.in the English language.

LEGEND HISTORY

I. History—Rome's failure to conquer north central Europe—in spite of several trice—resulted in a great cultural spiti for Europe between a Roman-Influenced north and west and a Germanic-influenced north and was reserved for those who died bravely in battle 4. History—Evidence of Viking settlements on soldiers never actually worre them in battle 3. Legend—Valhalla was reserved for those who died bravely in battle 4. History—Evidence of Viking settlements on the east coast of Canada date back to at least the 1000's AD 5. Legend—Scandinavia actually supported very productive agriculture, and Morsemen were active tracters all over the Europe 6. Legend—an interesting idea, but northern European peoples lived in formes made of wood, stone, or sometimes sod 7. History—the least of Yule finder world in the vorthern Europe 6. Legend—and troublesome and not troublesome and not troublesome and not troublesome and the find of the Viking Finder of Morse religion didn't really put their beliefs in terms of good and evil—just troublesome and not troublesome and any state of State feast of Yule family, and state and any state of State most of Scandinavia was associated with the same powers in nature as History—the teast of Yule for religious holiday of Christians 9. Legend—though not given equal rights as men, Norse women had a lot of social and commit freedom due to their briefs from a state of the Northern Morse in the English language consoning that the same of their briefs from the English language consider the religion of their Northern Plant Rome in the English language consider the religion of the Plant Rome and Saturday have Roman roots in the English language consider the Roman roots in the English language.



EXPLORE WITH THE NORSEMEN

The Norse were active traders and explorers, extending their presence to the far reaches of Europe as well as to North Africa, Russia, and across the Atlantic Ocean. Read the descriptions below and locate each historically significant place on the map of the Norse-influenced world. Write the letter of the location in the blank space next to its description.

1. Scandinavia, the present-day countries of Denmark, Sweden, and 10. Using river systems, the Norse were able to raid the largest city in Norway and the heart of the Norse world northern Europe 2. Remote Swedish Viking trade post that became the center of an active 11. Raids were so successful in this region of northern France that trade in timber, furs, honey, and slaves the Norse were able to set up a kingdom from which they would eventually invade England 3. Greatest of the Norse settlements in Russia, this city would become the hub for trade with the Byzantine Empire and the Islamic 12. Norwegian Vikings established rule over this region composed of Caliphates southern and eastern Ireland and much of Wales and Cornwall 4. Norse merchants brought highly prized northern goods to this great 13. Some of the most infamous Viking raids in history led to Danish rule capital of the Islamic Caliphates over much of the east coast of England 5. After a rocky start to their relationship, Viking links to the capital 14. Norwegian Viking control over the north coast of Scotland allowed of the Byzantine Empire eventually made that culture the greatest for further exploration across the Atlantic influence on Russian civilization 15. Overcrowding and limited farmland in Scandinavia probably 6. From a colony outside of this ancient North African city, Norse sailors prompted Norse colonization of this Atlantic Ocean island extended trade and later ferried Crusaders to the Holy Land 16. Though today its massive glacier makes its name seems strange, a 7. A successful raid on Palermo led to a short period of Norse rule over warmer climate in the tenth century left productive farmland for this island off of the coast of Italy_ Icelandic Viking settler Erik the Red_ 8. The Pope was so terrified of a Viking raid on this holy city that he fled to his fortress in the Alps

 While Spain and Portugal were under Arab rule, Norse raiders repeatedly attacked these wealthy cities and even occupied one for a

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short time

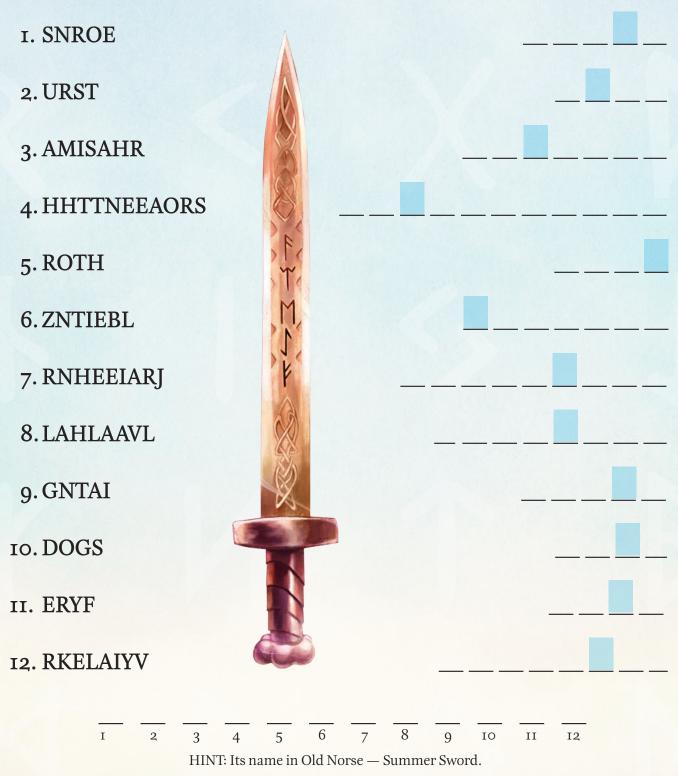


SWORD OF SUMMER SCRAMBLE

Oh no! The gods have mixed up the letters for these key words from Magnus's quest! Unscramble and match the highlighted letters below to solve the bonus question: What is the Sword's true Norse name?

EXAMPLE:

SMAGNU = M A G N U S



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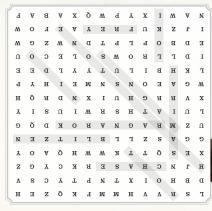
EINHERJAR WORD HUNT

Search for these words like a Valkyrie searches for their Einherjar!

BLITZEN CHASE FREY HEARTHSTONE LOKI MAGNUS ODIN SAMIRAH THOR

Bonus word: What's a word for "doomsday" in Norse mythology?

S F ${f Z}$ \mathbf{L} \mathbf{R} V \mathbf{v} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{M} M \mathbf{K} Q \mathbf{E} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{Y} C \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H} 0 Ι \mathbf{T} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{T} S \mathbf{v} Η J \mathbf{N} C \mathbf{H} Α S \mathbf{E} R \mathbf{K} C \mathbf{Y} G \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{T} E S Q \mathbf{T} K \mathbf{w} W \mathbf{H} Q Α 0 Y G G S \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{L} Ι \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{N} Α U \mathbf{Z} G \mathbf{K} G M \mathbf{R} Α \mathbf{N} Α \mathbf{R} 0 \mathbf{D} Q \mathbf{L} S Ι Y U Ι Α \mathbf{T} \mathbf{H} S \mathbf{R} W Ι U \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R} G \mathbf{H} U Ι \mathbf{X} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{R} Q \mathbf{H} W G Α \mathbf{E} 0 \mathbf{N} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{N} M \mathbf{E} Ι \mathbf{H} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{K} Η В Ι \mathbf{L} U \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{L} D \mathbf{E} E Ι \mathbf{D} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{R} 0 W S 0 \mathbf{L} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{C} 0 U \mathbf{E} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} O \mathbf{P} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{T} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{N} W ${f Z}$ G \mathbf{W} Ι J \mathbf{Z} \mathbf{K} U F \mathbf{E} Y \mathbf{E} \mathbf{F} 0 W \mathbf{R} Α N W Ι X \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{P} W \mathbf{X} \mathbf{B} Α Α Q Α F



Bonns Word: RAGNAROK
ANSWER:

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MAGNUS MAD LIBS

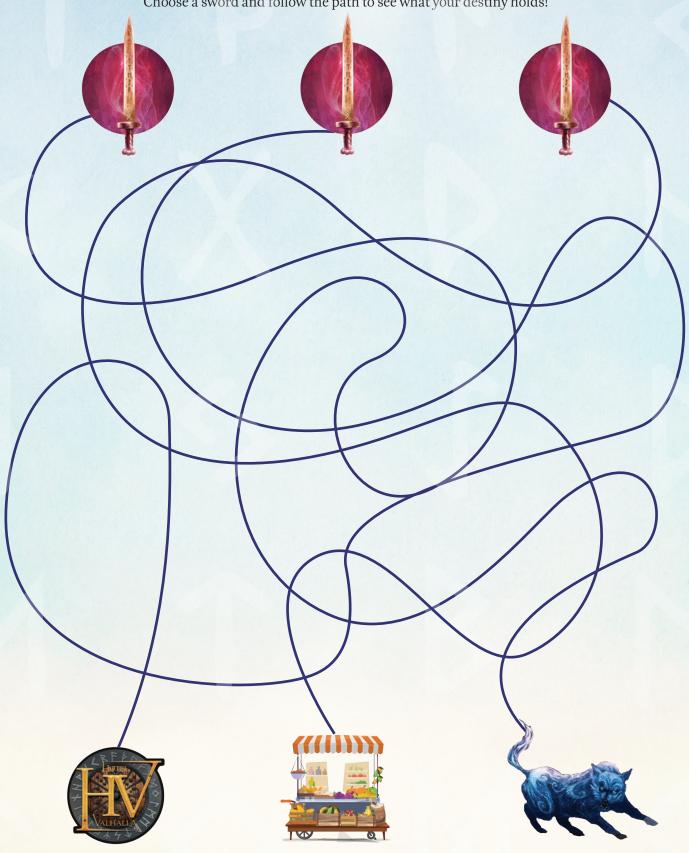
Find a friend and fill in the blanks! Without showing the other person, read the prompt below each line to complete your own wacky version of the opening scene of Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard.

| My day started out | enough. I was sleeping c | on the | _under a |
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| ADVERB | | NON-GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION | |
| bridge in the Public Garden when a | a guy kicked me awake a | nd said, "scary phrase | |
| By the way, I've been | for the past | years. Some of | you may |
| think, Aw, how sad. Others may th | nink, Ha, ha, | ASING NICKNAME | |
| But if you saw me on the street, | NUMBER percen | t of you would walk right | past like |
| I'm | | | |
| You'd pray, Don't let him ask me fo | or | | |
| You'd wonder if I'm | RATIVE ADJECTIVE (HINT: adjective + er) | than I look, becau | se surely |
| a teenager wouldn't be wrapped in | n a stinky old | , stuck outside in th | e middle |
| of a winter. | | | |
| Somebody shouldth | nat poor boy! | | |



DON'T LET THE WOLF ESCAPE

Choose a sword and follow the path to see what your destiny holds!



Back at Hotel Valhalla. All is good . . . for now.

Forget the fight—it's time for Fadlan's Falafel!

Oops...the wolf is free. Ragnarok begins!