

Viking Tales

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The World of the Vikings' Tales

- 1 The Viking gods lived in Asgard.
- 2 The people lived in Midgard.
- 3 The giants lived in Jotunheim.
- 4 The bridge called Bifrost connected Asgard and Midgard.
- 5 Jormungand was a big snake. He lived in the sea around Midgard.
- 6 Odin was the chief of the gods. He lived in Valhalla.
- 7 Odin's son was Thor. He lived in a palace called Bilskirnir. He ate two goats at every meal.
- 8 Loki was sometimes good and sometimes bad.
- 9 Freyja was the most important goddess.
- 10 The dark elves were bad because they were greedy. They were good at making jewellery and swords.

1 Fenrir's Chain

- 1 Loki's three children were Jormungand, Hel and Fenrir.
- 2 The gods threw Jormungand the snake down into Midgard.
- 3 The gods sent Hel to Niflheim.
- 4 The gods decided to keep Fenrir in Asgard because they thought he was friendly.
- 5 Tyr was Fenrir's best friend.
- 6 Fenrir got angry when he was hungry.
- 7 The gods got worried because they thought Fenrir was dangerous. They decided to tie him up.
- 8 Fenrir broke the rope.
- 9 The gods tried a chain next.
- 10 Fenrir broke the chain again.
- 11 The gods made a very strong chain from stone, from a mountain.
- 12 Tyr put his hand in Fenrir's mouth to promise it was not a trick.
- 13 It was brave because if a god lost his hand, he would not be strong anymore because he could not hold a sword.
- 14 Fenrir did not break the last chain.
- 15 Tyr was not as strong at the end of the story because he only had one hand.
- 16 Fenrir lives in Asgard now. He is waiting for the chance to escape.

2 The Story of Thrym

- 1 Mjollnir was so important to Thor because he made thunder and lightning with it. It gave him the strength of one hundred men.
- 2 Thor thought Loki took the hammer because Loki was always playing tricks.
- 3 Loki decided to take Freyja's magic falcon skin, change into a bird and search the world looking for the hammer.
- 4 Thrym took the hammer when Thor was asleep.
- 5 Thrym really wanted to marry Freyja.
- 6 Freyja did not want to marry Thrym.
- 7 The other gods made Thor wear a wedding dress and a veil to pretend to be Freyja.
- 8 The gods laughed at Thor because he looked stupid. Thor felt angry.
- 9 Thrym did not know the bride was really Thor.
- 10 Loki thought the giant was stupid because he could not see it was really Thor.

3 The Brisingamen Necklace

- 1 Freyja's problem was she was greedy. She wanted more jewellery.
- 2 Loki followed Freyja to Midgard.
- 3 Freyja could not see Loki because he wore his magic cloak and he was invisible.
- 4 Freyja went to Midgard, then to Svartalfheim.
- 5 Freyja did not like the dark elves because they were greedy.
- 6 Freyja thought the necklace was the most beautiful necklace ever.
- 7 The elves wanted a kiss for the necklace.
- 8 Freyja did not want to kiss the dark elves because they were ugly and greedy.
- 9 Loki told Odin because he wanted to make trouble for Freyja.
- 10 Loki changed into a fly to get into Freyja's room.
- 11 Yes, Odin let Freyja keep the necklace.
- 12 Odin told Freyja to start a terrible war.

4 Sigurd and Sigrdrifa

- 1 Sigurd was a warrior.
- 2 He saw a big fire on the top of a mountain, and behind it, a hall.
- 3 It was difficult to reach the hall because it was surrounded by fire.
- 4 Sigurd found a warrior on a bed.
- 5 He was surprised because the warrior was a woman.
- 6 A 'valkyrie' is a woman warrior who works for Odin.
- 7 Sigrdrifa stopped helping Odin because she did not want him to help the bad king win the war.
- 8 Sigrdrifa marries Sigurd because he is a man without fear.

5 The Story of Alvis

- 1 Alvis wanted to marry Thor's daughter, Thrud.
- 2 Alvis thought Thor was a farmer.
- 3 This time, Thor was intelligent.
- 4 Alvis thought Thrud would want to marry him because he had a house in a cave.
- 5 Thor took a long time because he wanted to wait for the daytime.
- 6 The last question was so important because the answer to the question meant Alvis would turn into stone.
- 7 They can find a small stone.
- 8 This time Thor was clever, not only strong.

6 Thor and the Giants

- 1 Thor wanted to fight the giants because he was bored.
- 2 Loki thought Thor needed someone intelligent with him.
- 3 Thor's goats were killed and eaten every night.
- 4 Thialfi was the son of the farmer and his wife. He ate a leg bone from one of the goats.
- 5 Loki suggested Thialfi should come with them.
- 6 They stopped at a house in the middle of a forest.
- 7 They did not sleep well because there was a lot of noise.
- 8 The house was a giant's glove.
- 9 They could not get into the giant's castle because the walls were too high, and Thor was too big to get through the window.
- 10 Utgard was the King of the giants.
- 11 Loki said he could eat more than anyone else.
- 12 The giant won the eating competition.
- 13 Thialfi said he could run faster than anyone else.
- 14 The giant Hugi won the running competition.
- 15 Thor said he could drink a lot.
- 16 Thor did not drink all the water.
- 17 No, Thor was not stronger than the old woman.
- 18 Utgard used magic tricks to win the competitions.