

Bookfolio for Norse Gods and Giants

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Recommended for: [Grades 5-8](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Mythology](#)

Story Summary: The mighty gods and terrible giants of the ancient northern lands come to life in this abundantly illustrated collection of Norse myths. From his seat upon the Lidskjalf, Odin, the wise and powerful All-Father, could see all the realms of the universe. When the jotuns (giants) threatened earth or Asgard, the world of the gods, Odin would call upon his son Thor to vanquish them with his deadly thunderbolt. As the god of war, Odin decided who would win the battles the earthly warriors fought. The great heroes slain in battle would join Odin's great army of heroes in Valhalla so that they might assist the gods at Ragnarokk, the great, final battle with the evil jotuns.

Read-aloud Recommendation: "The Valkyries and Valhalla," pages 72-79.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Norse Gods and Giants - Independent Activities	Skills
1. A Mythical Scene (Making a diorama)	D
2. Ode to Valhalla (Writing a poem)	S , W
3. How the World Began (Comparing creation myths)	D , R , W
4. Odin Visits Midgard (Writing a story)	D , W
5. Masters of the Runes (Writing a story)	D , R , W
6. An Illustrious Award (Giving a report)	R , S
Norse Gods and Giants - Group Activities	Skills
1. Many Ways to Tell A Tale (Comparing two versions of a tale)	S
2. Focus on the Authors (Examining author's style of illustration)	R , S
3. Lifestyles of the Huge and Terrible (Conducting an interview)	S
4. Loki's Punishment (Dramatizing a story event)	S , W
5. Frigg's Vision (Telling a tale)	S
6. Let's Talk About... (Discussing the story)	L , S

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