

At the beginning of the Viking age, most people were pagans in Scandinavia.

A pagan is someone who doesn't follow one of the main world religions.

The Vikings believed in lots of different gods.



Odin

Odin was the ruler of the gods. He was the god of war, as well as poetry and magic.

Odin had two ravens called Memory and Thought who flew around the world every morning to find out everything that was happening

In order to gain more knowledge, he sacrificed one of his eyes.



Fun fact:

The name
Wednesday
comes from
'Odin's day'

Thor

Thor was the son of Odin.

He was also the god of the skies, storms and thunder. He had iron gloves, a magic belt and a hammer.



Fun fact:
Thursday
originally
meant
“Thor’s day”

Loki

Loki was the god of mischief and a terrible trickster. He was especially good at this because he could change shape. As a result, he tricked a lot of the gods into giving him their weapons.



Tyr

Tyr was the god of war before Odin.

He only had one hand because his right hand was bitten off by Fenrir, a gigantic wolf.

Tuesday comes from "Tyr's Day"



Sol and Mani



Sol, the sun goddess, and Mani, her brother (the moon god) rode through the sky on horse drawn chariots, causing day and night.



Freya

goddess of love and beauty. She had a special necklace called Brisingamen. She rode in a chariot pulled by big blue cats.

