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Fimbula winter

The wolves had devoured the sun, the beautiful girl who every day traveled across the sky and warmed up the world. Now it was dark and cold. People, gods and animals froze. Now followed three winters with no summer between. This meant that many died. Gods and humans eternal enemies giants now saw his chance to once and for all defeat them. They met on the battlefield Vigrid which was 1000 km in all directions. No one won the battle but the sun had before she died giving birth to a baby girl and now again rose up in the sky. A new world came into being.



The valkyrians eye

It is said in myths to a Valkyrias gaze can kill. In mythology, they appear as lovely as sometimes death goddesses. On the battlefield they choose and Odin out of the mighty men who died. Along with the Valkyries, the ride up the rainbow to a waiting and carefree life in Valhalla. The beautiful Valkyries pleases warriors every day until the final battle on Vigrid at Ragnarok. Hild, Skuld and Hlin are some of the many Valkyries.



The wise thul

The thules was the wisest of all who ever lived. They belonged to the giant family who were the oldest creatures in the Norse mythology. Mimer who was sitting by the knowledge source was probably one. At one point lost however the thul Vafradner his life when he could'n answer one of Odin's questions.



Aegir, king of the deep sea

In mythology, Aegir was the man you came to when the ship sank. His wife's name was Ran and they had nine vawe daughters. A good captain on the ships made sure every man on board had a small piece of gold with them. Then they would be welcome to Ran's realm. He called for the brewer after a big feast he had with all the gods. Sea foam is the foam in his beer.



Thor

Thor was one of Odin's sons and he was the strongest of all the gods in Norse mythology. His mother's name was Earth and she belongs to the giant family. Siv was his wife. The Giants shook as he came flying across the sky in a chariot drawn by two goats. It flashes when he swings his hammer Mjolnir and it roars when it hits its target, the giant's head. Often he was in the east to fight with them. He was the people's protector and is considered the foremost of the gods. Mord and Mung were his sons. There are many stories about him.



Thiazi and Idun

Thiazi, the giant in eagle figure had abducted Idun to get her apples which the gods eats to get eternal youth. Loki who had started the whole thing later saved her by transforming her into a nut. With the nut in its beak flew he turned into a falcon back to Asgard, pursued by Thiazi. When he passed the border the gods burned his feathers and killed him when he fell to the ground.



Hermod in the underworld.

When his brother Balder was killed got Hermod instructed to ride down to the underworld to try to bring him back. Odin, his father lent him Sleipnir, the eight-legged horse to ride on. He was stopped at the bridge to the underworld by the maid Modgud who wanted to know his name. Once in the underworld, he met his brother Balder.



Tyr, the bravest

Tyr in mythology was the god who is courageous and bravest of them all. He was the only one who dared to put your hand in Fenris the wolf gap when he would be shackled. Then the wolf realized he was caught, he bit off the hand of Tyr. Most likely, Tyr in the beginning a god of war. Along with Odin, Thor and Loki mentioned he in some of the stories. He is son of nine women.



Thor and the Midgard Serpent

Thor and Tyr came to the giant Hymer to borrow a fermenter that was big enough for brewing ale to all the gods on Ägirs guild. Hymer was not happy for his mortal enemy Tor. Hymer and Tor went out to fish. Thor rowed far out, baited with a bull's head and got the Midgard Serpent on the hook. He hit the snake in the head with his hammer but Hymer who became afraid hijacked fishing line. Thor was angry. Later beating Thor killed him.



Skrymir and Thor

Thor, Loki and the servants Tjalve and Roskva had spent the night in something that later turned out to be giant Skrymers glove. Skrymir pointed at Thor, and said, "I know you Thor". Skrymir or Utgard-Loki as he was also called invited Thor and his entourage to Utgard. There, the competitions that they all lost. When they parted told Skrymir that he had distorted the sight of them. When Thor swung his hammer to kill him everything disappeared.



Loki and Ragnarok

In the decisive battle of Ragnarok at the battlefield Vigrid approached departed Loki from the underworld on the ship Naglfar. The ship was made of dead men's nails, and at the helm was Loki.



Valkyrian arrival

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Vinland

Around the year 1000, teaches the Vikings came to Newfoundland. They were contemporary explorers and had come from Norway. Maybe it was Iceland or Greenland's rugged climate that pushed them further west.