

# Fascinating Details

*This exercise covers material in d'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths, pp. 50-71*



Certain fascinating situations occur only in Norse Mythology.

Fill in the blanks with the details that are exclusive to Norse myths.

1. Only in Norse mythology . . .

is knowledge created from \_\_\_\_\_ and drowned by \_\_\_\_\_ . His name is \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Only in Norse mythology . . .

does the god of the harvest ride on a \_\_\_\_\_, own a \_\_\_\_\_ ship, and have a horse who can run through \_\_\_\_\_ . His name is \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Only in Norse mythology . . .

do gnomes create an unbreakable bond from the sound of \_\_\_\_\_, the breath of \_\_\_\_\_, the spittle of \_\_\_\_\_, the hairs of a \_\_\_\_\_, the roots of a \_\_\_\_\_, and the sinews of a \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Only in Norse mythology . . .

does the most powerful god own a grey horse named Sleipnir with \_\_\_\_\_ legs, speak in stately \_\_\_\_\_, and revitalize a friend's \_\_\_\_\_ that has been separated from his body.

His name is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Fascinating Details (continued)

5. Only in Norse mythology . . .

is the watchman of the gods descended from \_\_\_\_\_ mothers. He also has \_\_\_\_\_ and blows a trumpet named the \_\_\_\_\_.  
His name is \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Only in Norse mythology . . .

is the ruler of the dead pictured as a \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ named Garm.  
Her name is \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Only in Norse mythology . . .

does a witch survive being burned at the stake \_\_\_\_\_ times and is the cause of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Her name is \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Only in Norse mythology . . .

does the goddess of love ride in a carriage drawn by \_\_\_\_\_, wear a suit of \_\_\_\_\_, and cry \_\_\_\_\_. Her name is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Word Bank

bear	gold teeth
birds	golden boar
cat paws	gray cats
chewed berries	hag
eight	head
falcon feathers	hound
fish	mountain
flames	nine
flying	three
Gjallarhorn	verse
gnomes	war
gold tears	woman's beard

### Name Bank

Frey  
Freya  
Gullveig  
Heimdall  
Hel  
Kvasir  
Odin



## **TEACHER'S KEY**

### **Fascinating Details**

1. chewed berries – gnomes – Kvasir
2. golden boar – flying – flames – Frey
3. cat paws – fish – birds – woman's beard – mountain – bear
4. eight – verse – head – Odin
5. nine – gold teeth – Gjallarhorn -- Heimdall
6. hag – hound – Hel
7. three – war – Gullveig
8. gray cats – falcon feathers – gold tears – Freya

# Strange But True (In the Norse World)

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*Match the sentence beginning with the correct sentence ending.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Odin designated the winner of a battle
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Both men and gods sometimes fought
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Odin rode into battle
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Warrior women called Valkyries
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. White cloaks of swans' feathers
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A man's death on the battlefield
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Dead heroes lived
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The dead in Valhalla spent their time
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. A goat who gave mead instead of milk
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The same hog
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The dead heroes chewed toadstools
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The body pieces strewn on the field of Ida



- A. adorned brave Valkyrie maidens in Midgard.
- B. feasting and fighting.
- C. to become raging mad.
- D. by throwing his spear over the men who would lose.
- E. lived on the roof of Valhalla.
- F. were reassembled into whole heroes before dinner.
- G. on his eight-legged horse.
- H. just for the fun of fighting.
- I. was butchered every morning.
- J. in Odin's guesthouse, Valhalla.
- K. followed Odin into war.
- L. was determined by the Valkyries.

## **TEACHER'S KEY**

### **Strange But True**

1. D
2. H
3. G
4. K
5. A
6. L
7. J
8. B
9. E
10. I
11. C
12. F