

# ***The Saga of Biorn***

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## **Fill in the gaps**

Some might ask: Who is this Viking and what made him throw a ..... off a cliff? To find out, we have to go back in ..... . This aging, once mighty warrior is on his final journey, seeking a worthy death in honourable battle. .... then will he be allowed to enter Valhall, hall of the mighty gods of the ....., the only real home for a true Viking. If he fails, he will find himself in agonizingly ..... Helheim. This is the Saga of Biorn.

Is Biorn doomed to ..... die in battle? Will he ..... join the gods in Valhall? Is he condemned to suffer eternal boredom in Helheim? It appears to be his ..... .

### **Choose the correct option**

Why does Biorn want to die in battle?

Why does he dread ending up in Helheim?

How many opponents does he confront in battle?

What kills them?

How does the third one die?

The gate of Valhall opens and Biorn is nearly there, but then he ends up in another place. Where?

Why does he not go to Valhall?

Why is he so unhappy to find himself in this place?

## **How good is your knowledge of Norse mythology?**

### **Test yourself!**

- 1) Ragnarök is:
  - a) Twilight of the Gods (the fall and death of the Norse gods)
  - b) Dawn of Ages (the beginning of the world)
  - c) a council where the gods decide the fate of mankind
- 2) The world that is home to the Norse gods is called:
  - a) Yggdrasil
  - b) Sleipnir
  - c) Asgard
- 3) King of the Norse gods is:
  - a) Thor
  - b) Odin
  - c) Loki
- 4) Thor is the god of:
  - a) thunder
  - b) war
  - c) hunt
- 5) What kind of weapon does Thor wield?
  - a) spear
  - b) sword
  - c) hammer

- 6) Half of those that die in battle go to Valhalla. Choose the thing that Vikings do **not** do in Valhalla:
- a) drink mead                      b) fight each other                      c) have fun with women
  - d) eat pig
- 7) Which of these words is Norwegian?
- a) bære                                  b) bjørn                                  c) björn
- 8) Einherjar are:
- a) a Norwegian metal band
  - b) giants that are in war with the Norse gods
  - c) warriors who die in battle and go Valhalla
- 9) Valkyries are:
- a) women that bring dead warriors to Valhalla
  - b) sons and daughters of the Norse gods
  - c) creatures that eat the souls of those who die a cowardly death
- 10) The runic alphabet was given to mankind by:
- a) Loki                                  b) Freya                                  c) Odin

