



## Summer Reading Assignment – Grade 9 & 10

### *Myths of the Norsemen* by Roger Lancelyn Green

#### STUDY GUIDE

1. What is Ygdrassil?
2. What is a skald?
3. Who were the Aesir?
4. What is the name of the “yawning void” at the beginning of time, according to the Norse?
5. Who was the first of the Aesir and how did he come into being?
6. Who was Ymir?
7. How did the world come into existence, according to the Norse?
8. What sort of creatures live in the land of the Jotunheim?
9. What is the name for the world of men?
10. What two things does Odin use to create men and women?
11. What sort of creatures live in Nifelheim?
12. What is the name for the realm of the gods?
13. To what Greek mythological figures do the Norns (Urd, Verlandi, Skuld) compare?
14. What is Ragnarok?
15. What is the name of the great hall of warriors in Asgard?
16. Who are the Maidens of Odin who choose the most valiant warriors after death?
17. Why does Odin hang for nine days and nine nights on the World Tree?
18. What does Odin give Mimir in order to drink from the well of wisdom?
19. What desire does Gullveig cause among men?
20. Who are the Vanir?
21. Who were the two children of Niord, lord of the Vanir?
22. What sort of mead is made from the blood of Kvasir the Wise?
23. Where does Suttung the giant store this precious mead?

24. Which giant does Odin work with to get the mead from Suttung?
25. What does Gunnlod ask for from Odin in exchange for a sip of mead?
26. What magical fruit does Iduna bring to the Aesir?
27. Who is the husband of Iduna?
28. What does Loki promise to Thiassi the storm giant in order to escape his clutches?
29. Why does Odin make Loki his blood brother?
30. Who rescues Iduna from Thiassi the storm giant?
31. Who are the children of Niord and Skadi?
32. How does Loki defeat the giant, Skrymsli?
33. How does Loki defeat the mason and his horse, Svadlifari?
34. What is the name of Odin's eight-legged horse?
35. How many children do Loki and his giantess wife, Angurboda, have?
36. What do the Aesir do with Hela?
37. What do the Aesir do with Jormungand, the great serpent?
38. What do the Aesir do with Fenris, the monstrous wolf?
39. How does Tyr lose his hand?
40. What does Loki steal from Sif, the wife of Thor?
41. How does Thor get his hammer, Mjolnir?
42. Who are Gaptooth and Cracktooth?
43. What does Loki bet in the wager with Brok the dwarf?
44. What does Freya give in exchange for the Brising necklace?
45. What does Thor do in order to get Mjolnir back from the giant, Thrym?

| Name of god | Personality of god |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Odin        |                    |
| Thor        |                    |
| Loki        |                    |
| Frey        |                    |
| Baldur      |                    |
| Heimdall    |                    |
| Iduna       |                    |
| Freya       |                    |