



Year 5  
Norse Culture

Key vocabulary

Vallhalla	mead hall of the gods where all worthy Norse warriors were taken when they died to feast with the gods for eternity
Ragnarok	a great battle in the future foretold in Norse mythology where even gods would die and a new world would be created
portaging	mooring a ship onto land
Vinland	East coast of modern day Canada
saga	a long story in Norse mythology about great people
seafaring	people who love to travel by sea
exile	for someone to live in a foreign country because they cannot live in their own
Norse	someone from Scandinavian countries in Medieval times
myth	a well known made up story that explains natural events or religious beliefs
Yggdrasil	tree at the centre of the world in Norse mythology, where the gods would meet daily to watch over the nine worlds
Asgard	the world of the gods where they watch over all other worlds
Midgard	one of nine worlds in Norse mythology. Midgard was the human world in the middle of the tree of Yggdrasil
skraeling	Norse name for people native to America

Important places

Valhalla - hall of the gods	Locations in saga of Erik the Red	Heorot

Key figures from this unit

Freydis	Odin and Freya	Thor	Erik the Red
A fearsome warrior from Norse mythology	King and Queen of the gods	Norse God of war and thunder	Created the first settlement on Greenland
Valkyries	Loki	Beowulf	Leif Erikson
Odin's shield maiden daughters	Trickster god	Prince of the Geets	First European to land in America