

Anglo-Saxon: Religion and Beliefs -

The Anglo-Saxons worshipped many gods (some of whom you may recognise from the Avengers films...) like: Tiw, Woden, Thor and Frig. From these words come the names of our days of the week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Most of the days of the week are named after Saxon gods. Please read the PowerPoint on 'Saxon Religion' then complete the tasks below - Can you work out which days of the week they are?

1)Tiw' day is _____

2)Woden's day is _____

3)Thunor's day is _____

4)Frig's day is _____

Researching Saxon Gods:

Now it is time to design your own Saxon God! Watch the videos below and use the websites to research all about the Saxon Gods and how they moved to Christianity:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm/articles/zs3qcdm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cKGz-st75w>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zppg9qt>

Copy and complete this paragraph:

Use the words below to fill in the gaps.

Thor Frig goblins pagans Britain gods
superstitious Tiw Woden Christians

The Anglo-Saxons were _____ when they came to _____. They worshipped _____ of nature. A few of the main Anglo-Saxon gods were _____, _____, _____, and _____, whose names are remembered in our days of the week Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Saxons were very _____ and believed in elves, _____ and dragons. Gradually as time passed most of Britain became _____.

GOD	GOD OF WHAT?
Balder	God of Immortality
Eostre	Goddess of Birth
Frigg	Goddess of Love
Hel	Goddess of Death
Loki	God of Cunning
Saxnot	God of the Family
Thunor	God of Thunder
Tiw	God of War
Wade	God of the Sea
Wayland	God of Metalworking
Woden	Chief God

Your Main Task: Design a Saxon God!

Chose one of the Gods from the table (left) to research; here are some handy websites:

- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/religion.htm> - general info on Saxon beliefs
- http://www.earlybritishkingdoms.com/kids/pagan_gods.html -click on each God's name to find out more!
- <https://www.historyhit.com/important-anglo-saxon-gods/> - The four Gods named after days of the week!
- <https://wiki.kidzsearch.com/wiki/Thor> - type in your God's name for extra info!

My Saxon God's Top Trump:

Name _____

Superpower:

How did he become a Saxon God?

What symbols are associated with them?

What are they like?

Sketch of my Saxon God:

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