

Passage 7**Norse All-Father • page 1****Literature: Myth**

Focus Students analyze the character traits of an important god in Norse mythology.

Teaching Tips**Before Reading**

- Review the nature of mythology and mythological figures.
- Clarify that the term *Norse* refers to early Scandinavian peoples and their culture. Identify the modern Scandinavian nations on a world map.

During Reading

- As students read, model the authentic pronunciations of the Norse names: Odin (OH-din), Asgard (AZ-gard), Hugin (HYU-gin), and Munin (MYU-nin).

After Reading

- Tell students that another nickname for Odin is *Flaven God*. Discuss how details of this piece support that moniker. Extend by inviting students to suggest other nicknames for Odin, based on this piece.

Common Core Connections

RL.3.1, RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.4, RL.3.5, RL.3.7, RL.3.10 • RF.3.3, RF.3.4 • W.3.10 • L.3.1, L.3.2, L.3.3, L.3.4, L.3.5, L.3.6

Complexity Index**Quantitative:**
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Qualitative	1	2	3	4	5
Meaning		+			
Structure	+				
Language		+			
Knowledge		+			

Reader & Task

- Many readers will enjoy learning about mythical figures and their superhuman powers.
- Encourage readers to generate a character map for Odin using words from the piece.

Answers**Passage 7: Norse All-Father**

1. A. Sample answer: I read that Asgard was where Odin's silver palace was (lines 5–6). **2. C.** Sample answer: I read all four choices. I found A (line 1), B (lines 9–10, 21, 24–26), and D (line 30) in the story. I read that Odin could smother fire (lines 13–15), but it didn't say he could make it, so I picked C. **3.** Sample answer: Odin's voice was very soft, which made people believe he was always telling the truth (lines 22–24). **4.** (Answers will vary. Accept any two reasonable synonyms.) Sample answers: *Look, see, or stare.* **5.** Sample answer: Odin always tried to gather as much information about the world as he could. He knew what was happening everywhere and where all the treasures were, and he used it to his advantage (lines 9–10, 15–17, 21, 24–26).