

# Chapter 23



## THE NORSE GODS

## COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

*Answer the following questions in complete sentences.*

1. Why does Hamilton write that while no god or goddess of Greece could be heroic, the gods of Norse mythology could be?
2. How is Odin unlike Zeus?
3. Who are the Valkyries?
4. How is Balder killed, despite the great efforts taken to protect him?
5. Why is Balder's mother unable to ransom him from Hela?
6. What is Loki's eternal punishment?
7. Of what is Freya the goddess? How is she involved in battle?
8. How were the first man and woman created, according to Norse mythology?
9. What is Yggdrasil?
10. What is the Norse "wisdom literature"?