

Viking Rune

Lesson {1} Fehu

Introduction to Viking Runes & the Compass Rose Youth Club

The Compass Rose Youth Club was named after the {24} Runes that make up the Elder Futhark Runic alphabet, an alphabet used during the Viking Age and associated with Odin, the Norse god of magic and wisdom.

The {24} Runes that make up the Elder Futhark also form a “Rune Star,”¹ a three dimensional figure that resembles a compass rose or compass star, a figure on a compass, map or nautical chart used to represent the cardinal directions (north, south, east, west) and their intermediate points (northwest, southeast, northeast, southwest, etc...).

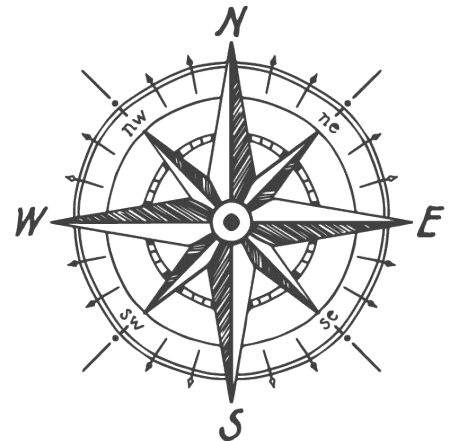
By studying the history of the Viking Runes and how they were created, we hope to find a new “moral compass” that will lead us toward a brighter future.

Runes include the following information:

Q1: What do they really mean?

A1: Explanation of why, where, and who was involved.

A2: An alphabet (if used correctly) that can be interpreted by others.



Q2: Who was entrusted with the information in the past, including the historical events associated with their development, such as:

Details surrounding the events related to the specific Rune that include an explanation of who, what, where, why, and when.

For example: {1} Fehu relates to events that took place in and around Uppsala, Sweden around 2,000 BC and later. The individuals involved include those from Norse and

¹ https://www.cocorrina.com/products/rune-star?_pos=6&_sid=4c5badf90&_ss=r

Scandinavian myth, including Odin's wife, Frigg, their daughter Sif, a visiting future Norwegian king known as Olav I, a Swedish prince named Styrbjorn Starke, and the Danish princess, Tyra of Denmark.

Rune Translation

Use a translation/cheat sheet to translate Olav's coin. Look up unknown symbols on the internet. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you get stuck. Don't worry if you can't finish the whole thing or if it doesn't make sense.

How Does the Translation Add to the Story?

See if the coin translation adds to the story (additional or missing details previously unknown).

Left Side: X "Freya" by order of the Norwegian king, due to her "(not) only 2" crime against Tyra of Denmark.

Right Side: Homework Assignment

The Story of Fehu:

Ancient magic, deep evergreen trees, crisp cedar and the smell of crushed leaves on a bed of soft musk surrounded the Danish princess the afternoon she almost met her untimely demise at the hands of a Norse *völva*² named Sif or "Freya." A *völva* in Norse mythology was a female seer who spoke her prophecy. *Völva* means *the wand-carrier* or *the carrier of magic*. From the Old Norse, *vǫlr* (rounded staff), while the word *völva* is Icelandic.

Principally, *Fehu* is a cautionary tale about jealousy. The ancient rune poems speak of wealth being a source of discord³, however jealousy often amounts to more


² <https://mythus.fandom.com/wiki/Völva>

³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fehu>

than simply a desire for whatever another individual might possess. Jealousy often leads to dangerous and disastrous consequences for many if it isn't appropriately controlled.

Olav I⁴ arrived in Uppsala with gold, furs, sheep and cattle. He was a wealthy king looking for a romantic partner - a partner he found in Tyra of Denmark⁵. However, Tyra had also found love with a Swedish prince, and so ultimately married two different men by her own choice. The real problem arose when Tyra and her partners were confronted with the Norse *völva*'s jealousy and judgement over their own wealth and Tyra's relationship with two different men.

Freya murdered the Swedish prince while Tyra nearly drowned in the river. Tyra was given another chance at life, and Freya was scarred on the back in the shape of the *Fehu* rune as a permanent reminder of her misdeeds.

 In present-day Uppsala, Sweden, the two streets Olofsgatan and Vaksalagatan run parallel to each other, in the northeast section of central Uppsala. Olofsgatan and Vaksalagatan streets meet at 90 degree angles with several streets in Uppsala, including: [1] Vattholmavagen / Vaderkvarnsgatan St; [2] The Swedish Railway; [3] Kungsgatan. Olofsgatan Street is the top shortest line of *Fehu*, Vaksalagatan Street is the lower short line of *Fehu*, while the Swedish railroad tracks and Vattholmavagen/Vaderkvarnsgatan Streets form the long, straight line(s) the other shorter two lines are connected to that make *Fehu* look like the letter “F”.

These streets and the historic events surrounding them make up the first rune in

4 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olaf_Tryggvason

5 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyra_of_Denmark

the Elder Futhark alphabet, *Fehu*.

Q3: Who is currently entrusted with the information in the past/present/

future? A1: In the past - Odin

A2: In the present - Us

A3: In the future - to be decided...

Q4: What are Runes currently used for in the modern era?

A1:

A2:

A3:

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Icelandic, Norwegian, and Anglo-Saxon, Old English, Old Norse, Proto-Germanic, Danish, Scandinavian languages

Elder Futhark [24] Norwegian

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Younger Futhark [16] Scandinavian or Danish

Anglo-Saxon [34] Old English

Notes

[1] Netflix series *Vikings: Valhalla: Season 1*

[2] *Runes Cheat Sheet from Etsy*

https://www.etsy.com/listing/1078186211/runes-cheat-sheet-elder-futhark-runes?transaction_id=3680067391

[3] *Olav's coin*

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olaf_Tryggvason

[4] *“Fae of the Forest” Mythologie Candles*

<https://mythologiecandles.com/collections/celtic-folklore/products/fae-of-the-forest>



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Extra Credit

Olav's Coin

What do the symbols inside the middle circles mean?

Left Side:

Who is the person?

What do the three dots symbolize?

Right Side:

What do the lines represent?

What do the symbols & letters represent?