

# Viking Runes

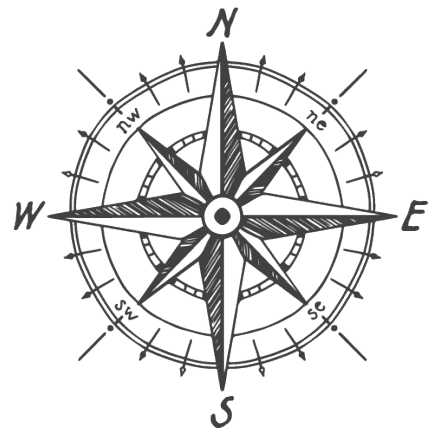
## Lesson {0} Introduction

### 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.*



### Supplies / Materials ~

### What Do the Runes Look Like?

Bring examples of different Rune lists with pictures that shows runes are not always drawn/pictured in exactly the same way. There is usually slight artistic variation. However, for the most part, when drawn (i.e. by hand, for example as art or by graphic design/illustrative software) they are typically drawn as close to the “original” as possible, according to the Unicode {2} design.

Show different rune lists (that other people have created) and compare them to each other and the Unicode format. Runes were drawn a certain way for a reason.

Q: Why were Runes drawn the way that they were? Why are they supposed to match the Unicode design as closely as possible?

A:

## Instructions for typing Runes in Unicode

### *Microsoft Windows*

To insert a Unicode character, type the character code, press ALT, and then press X. For example, to type a dollar symbol (\$), type 0024, press ALT, and then press X.

Unicode characters can then be entered by holding down Alt, and typing + on the numeric keypad, followed by the hexadecimal code, and then releasing Alt .

### *Mac*

“Option” key + the number

[1] Fehu  
Unicode = 16A0



## Runic Languages

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

**Elder Futhark [24]** Norwegian  
~ *The Compass Rose* ~

**Younger Futhark [16]** Scandanavian or Danish

**Anglo-Saxon [34]** Old English

# Notes

{1} *The Rune Star*

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{2} *Unicode for Runes*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runic\\_\(Unicode\\_block\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runic_(Unicode_block))

{3} *Runes*

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runes>



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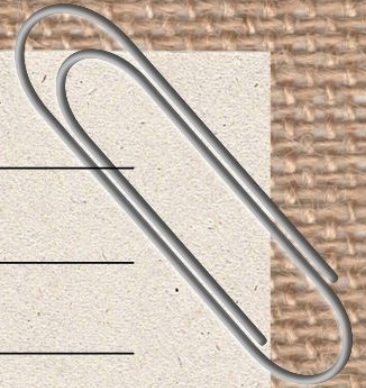
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*Grace*