



Activity Sheet - Write your own folktale!

Materials required:

For research on Shetland folktales, look at *A'll tell dee a story* (Shelfmark 398.208), and *The Foy and other Folk Tales*, Lawrence Tulloch (Shelfmark 823.914).

To research Viking myths and legends, look at *A Handbook of Norse Mythology*, Karl Mortensen (Shelfmark 293.13) and *Norse Myths*, Kevin Crossley-Holland (Shelfmark Children's Non-fiction).

Check out <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/scotlandshistory/>.

A good (fictional) read is *Odd and the frost giants*, Neil Gaiman (Shelfmark Children's Fiction).

Materials provided:

Set of pictures of folk-tale characters, Runic alphabet poster (can be found in P1-4 activities). An easy-read copy of 'Light at Eventide' from Fordyce Clark, W., *Shetland Tales: Tales from the Land of the "Simmer Dim"*, 1912 (Oliver and Boyd: Edinburgh)

Method:

Research Shetland myths, legends and folktales, or research Norse myths. There are lots of different ones - if you're not sure, you could choose one or two to read first to help inspire you!

Create your own folktale, based around some of the ideas you've come across (perhaps you could write a 'trowie tale' or a folktale based on a Norse god or a place, such as Valhalla).

