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# VIKING RUNES

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## Special Issue: Viking Legends

Our school has an incredible number of talented students, and there are many ways these students can show their work off to the world. One of those opportunities is what you are reading right now: *Viking Runes*, our monthly literary magazine. Anyone can submit their work to *Viking Runes* to be considered for publication; however, we're only able to print in black and white, and we can't feature nearly as many students as we'd like to. That's why each year Mr. B's Creative Writing 2 class compiles student work and publishes it in *Viking Legends*, a full-color, professionally-bound book released during 4th term.

**The *Viking Legends* team is currently accepting and reviewing submissions for the 2020 issue of the literary journal.** The best part is that anyone can submit, be published, and become a Viking Legend! Aside from fame, glory, and the thrill of seeing your work in print, being published in a school journal looks great on any resume. Furthermore, anything that can be printed is eligible for publication, including (but not limited to) writing, artwork, photographs, sheet music, digital art, and pictures of physical sculptures.

Submitting your work is easy! Simply send all submissions to:

[ViewmontVikingLegends@gmail.com](mailto:ViewmontVikingLegends@gmail.com)

You will receive a confirmation email, as well as a follow-up email letting you know if your piece has been selected for publication. Any questions can be sent to the above email address or directed to Mr. Bartholomew in room 220.

But don't just take our word for it! Check out *Viking Legends* for yourself! Copies of previous years' journals can be found under "Student Publications" on the school website. You can find physical copies in the library or in Mr. B's room (220).

Aside from general submissions, **we hold a competition each year to redesign the logo and cover of the journal.** This logo will be featured on the front page of the books as well as other promotional materials for the year. The 2019 issue's epic design was made by senior Joshua Day. We can't wait to see what you come up with this year!



# Unseen Scars

by Jeannine Palomares

To all the liars and cheaters that caused tears to fall from my dark amber eyes...  
Sitting inside looking out a bay window, while I watch the pure white snow falling.  
Thoughts are swirling in my mind, like the blizzard from the other side of the glass.  
I feel the penetrating coldness, like the memories are pushing to the surface.  
The scars left behind by careless nights, like the tire marks in the fresh snow.  
Hoping to escape the dull pain from knowing he didn't want me.  
It was just a well hidden lie, a little snow white lie.  
All I wanted from him was the truth.  
But now I'll never know what really happened.



# Growing Up

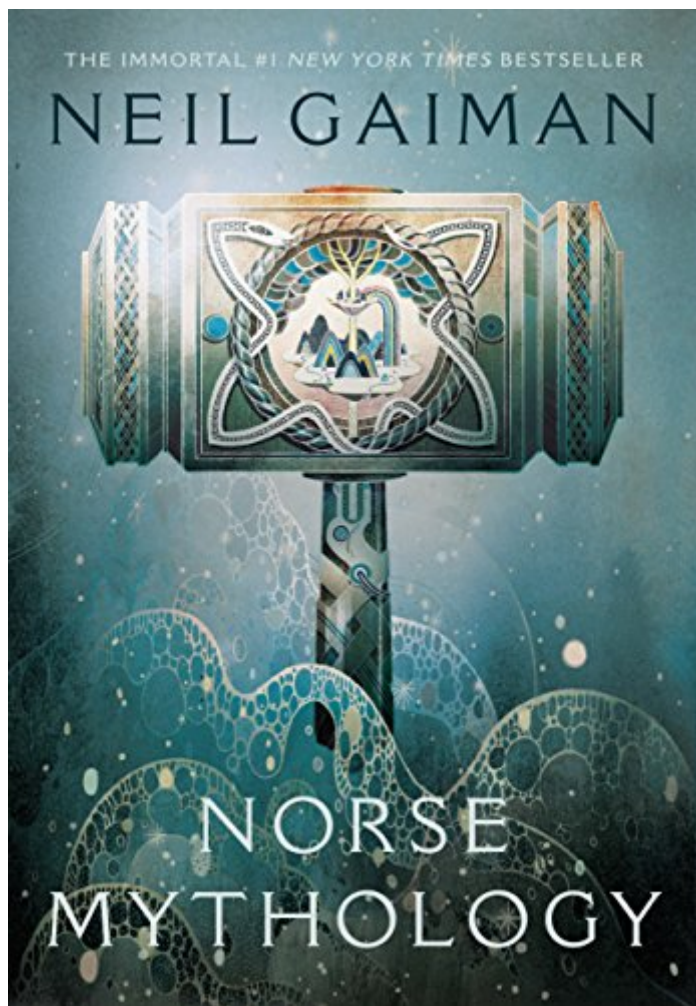
by Kristynn Tyler

Growing up can be terrifying  
Make you feel anxious at the thought  
But be not afraid  
And listen close  
The memories we made could never be erased  
The shirts we wore, made up of pure cotton  
Our jeans covered in grass stains  
Eating various proteins.... or the lack thereof  
Climbing up the smelly garbage bins  
To relax on top of the big blue van  
Ah, the perfect spot to watch the clouds  
Separated from the noise of the world  
We begin to sprint through the neighborhood  
Our adrenaline kicks in and our energy lasts for hours  
The feeling of the summer air in our face and running through our hair  
Our safe place, our innocence  
Unaware of any form of war  
Only stopping for our secret snack  
Savoring the flavor of raspberry pie  
Oh, how could we forget these memories  
The memories that were perhaps taken for granted  
Yet feel like Heaven in comparison to the years that await

## Challenge: Decipher Runes to Win a Book!

The front page of this issue features a title with characters represented in Norse Runes. Decipher these runes, and send the translated text to [ViewmontVikingRunes@gmail.com](mailto:ViewmontVikingRunes@gmail.com) to be entered into a drawing to receive a copy of Neil Gaiman's excellent *Norse Mythology*! But that's not the only way you can win! There are two copies of the book up for grabs, so if you can't figure out the rune challenge, check out the "Last Page Activity" on the right!

Good luck!



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## Last Page Activity

The artwork on the last page of this month's issue was created by Caleb Wheeler, and he purposely left it incomplete so that you could finish it. Who is this mysterious figure? What is he holding? What is he standing on? What's happening behind him? Is this you crushing Term two and preparing to go ham in term three? Is it the Juniors standing over the Seniors, who they've finally defeated in Ragnarok? You decide in this complete-the-drawing challenge!

Bring your completed drawing to Mr. B's room (220) to have it featured on the Viking Runes wall and be entered to win a copy of Neil Gaiman's *Norse Mythology*!

## JANUARY Prompt

Winter can be a hard season. It was so hard for the Norse that their mythology predicted the world would end with one big freeze called the Fimbulwinter,



which would usher in Ragnarok. Although Ragnarok was supposed to bring an end to most of mankind and the Pantheon of Norse gods, it would not destroy all of them. Some would survive and begin building their lives anew. The beginning of a new year and a new semester feels like a fresh start for us too, although Ragnarok may still rage on in other areas of our lives.

For this prompt, write about new beginnings. As always, how you respond is up to you, but you might think about what things you're going to try to do differently this year or this semester.

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