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Product Summary

These memes relate to barbarians and their shared attributes by playfully highlighting aspects of loyalty, chivalry, and camaraderie within barbarian culture. Despite the stereotypical portrayal of barbarians as fierce and ruthless warriors we learned in class that barbarians weren't only violent and scary. These memes show that they also possess qualities that are often associated with knights or heroes from more traditional narratives which were highlighted in the multiple stories we read and saw throughout the year. In many of the memes loyalty is emphasized through depictions of barbarians standing by their comrades and forming strong bonds with one another. This reflects historical accounts that describe the loyalty and solidarity among barbarian tribes, where individuals would fiercely defend their kin and follow their leaders with unwavering allegiance while also admiring their foe for the reputation they have created. There are two, however, that are just jabs that I thought would be funny today's day. The Tacitus one pokes fun at the fact that through the semester we kept seeing people relate their views and opinions to his writing. So saying his piece is like a Yelp review of barbarians just highlights the fact his whole piece covers how barbarians acted and lived which he honored and respected parts of their culture. Lastly I'm making fun of Hermann because as great of a leader he was at a time, the Germans use of his view of nationalism is hushed to an extent and not highly spoken of. However, he is a tourist attraction for his statue and that's what is really important in the end.