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The Days of the Week

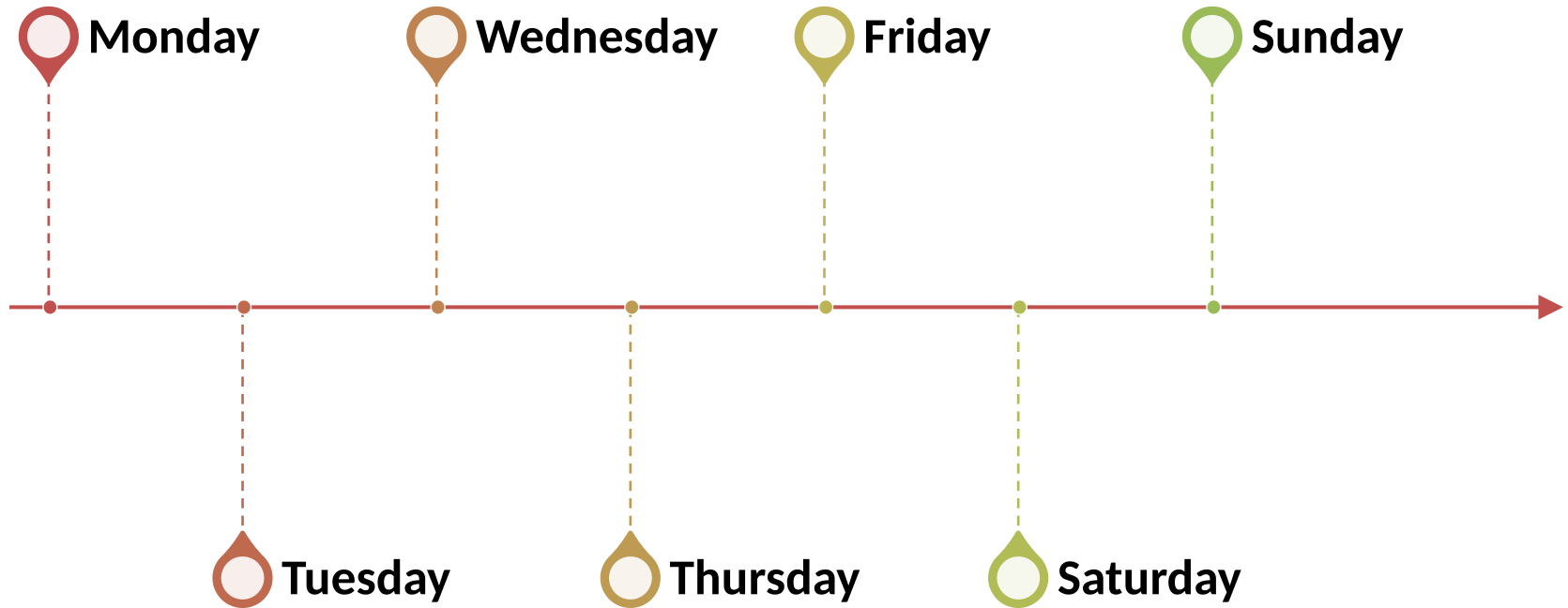
Let's investigate where the words for the days of the week come from.

Why this lesson?

- So, we can see that the days of the week in English are named after Norse gods.



What do you know?
Why are our days of the week named as they are?



Days of the week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

1. Why are there seven days in a week?

2. Monday and Sunday are the easy ones. Why are they so called?

3. What about Saturday? What's that got to do with Saturn?

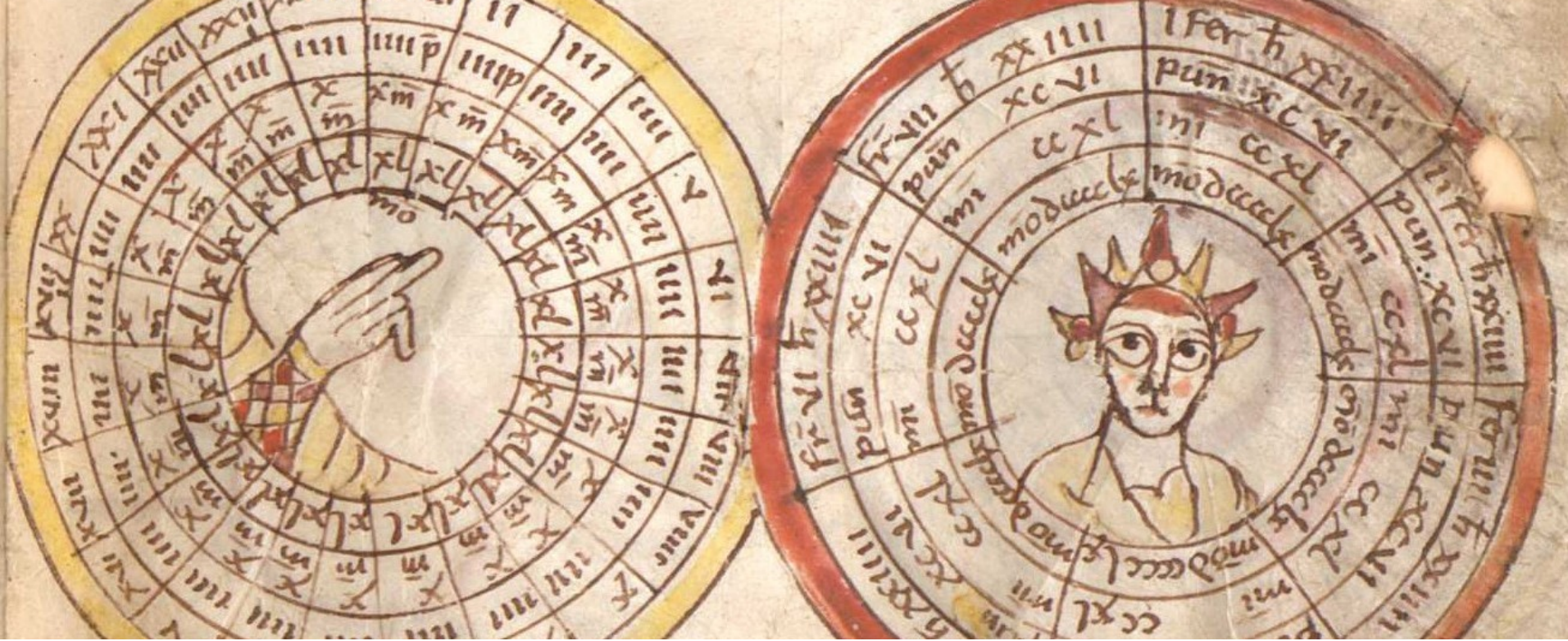
4. So, what about the other four?

Tuesday is Tiw's day

Wednesday is Woden's day

Thursday is Thor's day

Friday is Frigge's day.



Why 7 Days?

The Babylonians, who lived in modern-day Iraq, were observers and interpreters of the heavens. The reason they adopted the number seven was that they observed seven celestial bodies — the sun, the moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

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Who's Tiw?

- He's the Anglo-Saxon god of the sky and war.
- Tiw is a one-armed god.
- Tiw is 'twinned' with the Roman god Mars.



Is Woden Odin?

- Woden is Odin.
- Woden is an important Norse god.
- Woden is the god of wisdom, poetry, death and magic.
- Woden is twinned with the Roman god Mercury.
- Woden is the father of Thor.



What's Thor for?

- Thor is a hammer-wielding Norse god: the god of lightning, thunder, storms, tress, the protection of mankind.
- He is twinned with the Roman god Jupiter



Finding Frigg(e/a)

- Goddess of marriage
- Wife of Odin
- Mother of Thor and Baldur
- The Leader of Gods



Your Languages

- If you are bilingual or multilingual, what are the days of the week in your other language(s)?
- Do they bear any resemblance to the English days that we have looked at today?

