

Woden Allfather

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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. How old was Odin said to be?
**Accept the answer 'around fifty years of age'.
Do not accept the answer without 'around'.**



2. Why do you think Gungnir could never be broken?
Accept any answer relating to Woden being all-powerful and the spear belonged to him / because he made everything and he made it stronger than any other spear.



3. What is the one main point of this text?
Accept the key point that Woden/Odin was the highest and holiest god of Anglo-Saxon times.



4. Who do you think this information was written for? Explain your answer.
Accept any reasonable answer providing that a relevant justification is also provided, e.g. 'I think that this information is written for children because it is easy to read and is written in simple language'.