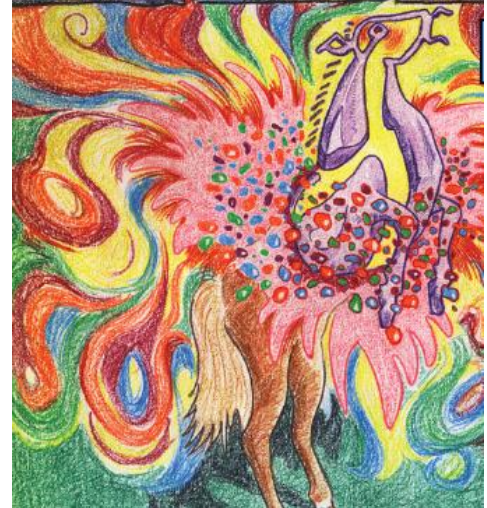


Iron Age Gods Fact File

- Iron Age people believed in more than one god.
- The gods that Iron Age people believed in were influenced by the landscapes they lived in. People living in places with open grasslands that were good for keeping horses might believe in Epona, the horse goddess. People who lived around the natural springs would worship Sulis, goddess of the springs (archaeologists have found evidence for this in the modern city of Bath, which is famous for its springs).
- Places like rivers, wetlands and woodlands were seen as special, and understood as places where gods lived. People would deposit things, including metalwork, coins and other artefacts, in these special places as gifts or offerings to the gods.



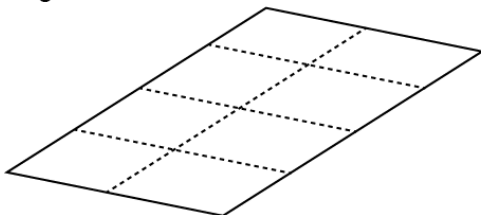
Activity

Have a chance to meet your own Iron Age god, by making an Iron Age god comic!

- Follow the instructions below to make an 8-page mini-comic book from a sheet of paper.
- Then, turn this sheet over and read the questions, and draw your answers in the comic.

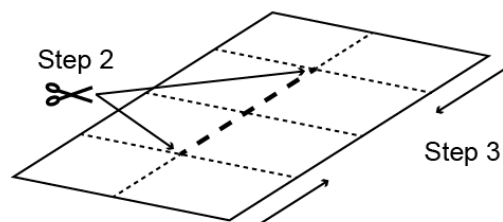
Make your mini-comic book

Fig 1



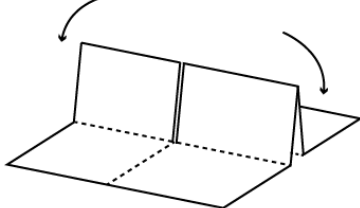
Step 1: Fold your piece of paper as shown above.

Fig 2



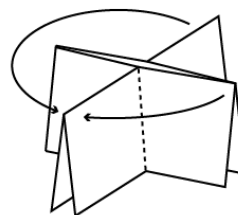
Step 2: Cut along the center fold as show above.
Step 3: Push the two ends together, so the middle makes a ridge (like fig. 3 below).

Fig 3



Step 4: Pull the ends of the ridge and fold down. It should now look like fig 4.

Fig 4



Step 5. Fold all four parts together.
You now have a 8 page mini-comic book!

Draw your comic

Draw the answer to each of the questions below, one on each page.

- Page 1** Where do you live?
- Page 2** What are some of the natural things in your area (for example - trees, animals, parks, rivers, ponds, stones, or perhaps bigger things like wind, weather or mountains)?
- Page 3** Choose one of these natural things and draw it in detail.
- Page 4** Draw a god that you think relates to this natural thing (e.g god of water, god of trees, god of weather).
- Page 5** What does this god do? What does it control? Is it good, bad, mischievous, dangerous? Draw your god using its powers.
- Page 6** Now you meet the god and ask it for something. What are you asking for?
- Page 7** What do you offer as payment? Do you give the god something? Do you have to destroy or sacrifice something? Do you have to do a certain action (e.g. a dance)?
- Page 8** Does it work? How does the god react: does it grant your request? Does it become angry?