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Norse Mythology

Any of Odin's handmaidens who conducted the souls of the slain to Valhalla.

[Old Norse *Valkyrja*; see **wela-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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