

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

HSSP

The Gods of Runescape

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Meeting room: 66-168

Course dates: Saturdays 2/24-4/7

Topics

We will be discussing the history of Gielinor, and its many gods. Gielinor is the (possibly fictional) planet on which the game *Runescape* is primarily played. Its history is rich, and its gods are numerous. We will discuss some of the greatest battles of the distant past, the empires that rose and fell, the betrayals and feuds and the making of history, culminating with the present wars.

Schedule

2/24: The six ages of Gielinor

Arrival of the gods, the god wars

The edicts, the death of Guthix

3/3: The triumvirate

Guthix, Seren and Zaros

Brassica prime

3/10: A tale of Mah

Zamorak's betrayal, and eventual return of the empty lord

Seren and the ritual of the Mahjarrat

3/24: Order and Chaos

Saradomin and Zamorak, the god wars

The elder relics

3/31: A timeline of Jagex

Three runescapes, three gods

Making Zamorak relatable, making Guthix great

The dawn of a new age

4/7: Marimbo, nemesis in chief

Tuska, Armadyl, Bandos

The desert gods

Resources and Additional Materials

One useful resource is <http://runescape.wikia.com>, that website is a wikipedia for everything Runescape, including nearly everything we will discuss in this course, and much more. Wikia also has transcripts for a large collection of books that can be found throughout Runescape, which collectively contain a whole lot of lore.

Another resource in general is youtube videos of quest playthroughs, there are 200+ runescape quests, nearly all of which relate to the material discussed in this course. Watching videos of people completing these quests can teach you a lot about the history and lore of Runescape, as it contains a lot of important dialogue and cutscenes, and sometimes even the historic events themselves.

There is also one particular playlist on youtube that provides a lot of lore. It is on the channel "Complete RS", which also contains a whole bunch of other Runescape related footage. The playlist is titled RSLore, and features an hour long video with a complete history of the vampire kingdom, among many other things.