

Handout

Protestors Carrying Flags at 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville



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Demonstrators march during the Unite the Right rally at Emancipation Park in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12, 2017. While most symbols in this image are familiar to many students of American history and culture, one may be unfamiliar. The black flag carried by one demonstrator is an image of Mjölnir. According to Norse mythology, Mjölnir is the mythical Hammer of Thor, the Norse god of thunder.

Discussion Questions

1. Look closely at the photograph. What symbols do the demonstrators use to represent their beliefs? What does each symbol represent?

2. What does the combination of symbols in this photograph suggest to you about the beliefs of the demonstrators?

3. What does this rally suggest to you about the attitudes of many Americans in 2018 toward Jews and other minority groups? What questions does it raise?