

Chapter 1 : Gothic - Wiktionary

Gothic (adj.) "of the Goths," the ancient Germanic people, "pertaining to the Goths or their language," s, from Late Latin *Gothicus*, from *Gothi*, Greek *Gothoi* (see *Goth*).

Wielbark culture in the early 3rd century Chernyakhov culture , in the early 4th century Roman Empire Gothic invasions in the 3rd century Upon their arrival on the Pontic Steppe , the Germanic tribes adopted the ways of the Eurasian nomads. The first Greek references to the Goths call them Scythians, since this area along the Black Sea historically had been occupied by an unrelated people of that name. The application of that designation to the Goths appears to be not ethnological but rather geographical and cultural - Greeks regarded both the ethnic Scythians and the Goths as barbarians. Migrations and contact with Rome[edit] See also: Gothic Wars Around AD, in Central Europe, the first movements of the Migration Period were occurring, as Germanic tribes began moving south-east from their ancestral lands at the mouth of River Vistula , putting pressure on the Germanic tribes from the north and east. As a result, in episodes of Gothic and Vandal warfare Germanic tribes Rugii, Goths, Gepids , Vandals, Burgundians , and others [15] crossed either the lower Danube or the Black Sea, and led to the Marcomannic Wars , [16] which resulted in widespread destruction and the first invasion of what is now Italy in the Roman Empire period. In the first attested incursion in Thrace , the Goths were mentioned as Boranoi by Zosimus , and then as Boradoi by Gregory Thaumaturgus. Several such raids followed in subsequent decades, [12] in particular the Battle of Abrittus in , led by Cniva , in which the Roman Emperor Decius was killed. At the time, there were at least two groups of Goths: Goths were subsequently heavily recruited into the Roman Army to fight in the Roman-Persian Wars , notably participating at the Battle of Misiche in The Moesogoths settled in Thrace and Moesia. An unsuccessful attack on Pityus was followed in the second year by another, which sacked Pityus and Trabzon and ravaged large areas in the Pontus. In the third year, a much larger force devastated large areas of Bithynia and the Propontis , including the cities of Chalcedon , Nicomedia , Nicaea , Apamea Myrlea , Cius and Bursa. By the end of the raids, the Goths had seized control over Crimea and the Bosphorus and captured several cities on the Euxine coast, including Olbia and Tyras , which enabled them to engage in widespread naval activities. After Gallienus was assassinated outside Milan in the summer of in a plot led by high officers in his army, Claudius Gothicus was proclaimed emperor and headed to Rome to establish his rule. After he defeated them in the Battle of Lake Benacus , he was finally able to take care of the invasions in the Balkan provinces. Some survivors were resettled within the empire, while others were incorporated into the Roman army. The battle ensured the survival of the Roman Empire for another two centuries. In , after the death of Claudius, Goths under the leadership of Cannabaudes again launched an invasion on the Roman Empire, but were defeated by Aurelian, who however surrendered Dacia beyond the Danube. In the late fourth century, the Huns arrived from the east and invaded the region controlled by the Goths. The maximum extent of territories ruled by Theodoric the Great in Visigoths and Ostrogoths[edit] By the 4th century, the Goths had captured Roman Dacia which Aurelian had evacuated in [25] and divided into at least two distinct groups separated by the Dniester River: The Goths separated into two main branches, the Visigoths , who became foederati federates of the Roman Empire , and the Ostrogoths , who joined the Huns. This came about through trade with the Romans, as well as through Gothic membership of a military covenant, which was based in Byzantium and involved pledges of military assistance. The Huns fell upon the Thervingi, whose staunchly pagan ruler, Athanaric , sought refuge in the mountains. Meanwhile, the Arian Thervingian rebel chieftain Fritigern approached the Eastern Roman Emperor Valens in with a portion of his people and asked to be allowed to settle on the south bank of the Danube. These two tribes were among the Germanic peoples who clashed with the late Roman Empire during the Migration Period. The Visigoths were settled south of the Danube in The kept to the treaty of as federates of the Romans and sent troops to fight for Theodosius I during the civil war of in which Eugenius and Arbogast, usurpers in the West were defeated. Alaric and his Goths ravaged Greece in the years They moved west into Italy in They were held in check but in led by Alaric I sacked Rome in Honorius granted the Visigoths lands in Aquitania after they savaged the Sueves, Alans and Vandals in The

Visigoths had taken over the south of France and most of Spain in the 5th century. Periodically they marched on Arles, the seat of the praetorian prefect but were always pushed back. In 456 they signed a treaty with the Romans which they kept. In 456 they provided one-third of the army of other tribes and Romans which defeated the Huns confederation of Eastern peoples led under Attila at the Battle of the Catalaunian Plains. They became independent of the Empire under his son, Euric who extended their territory over most of the Iberian peninsula and Gaul in the 5th and 6th centuries. They were able to retain Narbonne and Provence after the timely arrival of an Ostrogoth detachment sent by Theodoric the Great. By the late 6th century, the Visigoths had converted to Catholicism. Their kingdom fell and was progressively conquered from when the Muslim Moors defeated their last kings Roderic and Ardo ruling until over Catalonia and Narbonne during the Umayyad conquest of Hispania. Some nobles found refuge in the mountain areas of the East Pyrenees and Cantabrian West and founded different autonomous realms, as Gothia [disambiguation needed], Pamplona and the Kingdom of Asturias in 711, they all began later to regain control under the leadership of the Visigothic nobleman Pelagius of Asturias, whose victory at the Battle of Covadonga c. 722. It was from the Asturian kingdom that some parts of modern Spain and Portugal evolved. A completely different body of Society which they were pivotal to transform, from the Late Empire provincial polity with which they merged to into the Medieval entity stratified as an aristocratic Society under a strong centralist Monarchy and even stronger Christian Church for both peoples hitherto differentiated by Laws into a new Code, albeit different from the Feudal World that will devolve into later in France and other parts of Western Europe, organized around Germanic aristocracies too. They were widespread over a very a large territory and body of population, and however isolated or separated on the first centuries by customs, laws and religion practices in this fashion progressively adopted new ones retaining little of their original culture except for practical military customs, some artistic expressions and families traditions, as heroic songs and other folklore including Germanic names still in use in present-day Spain give ample evidence. While they were largely assimilated, their Gothic origin was still well-known: Ostrogoths[edit] Christopher I. Beckwith suggests that the entire Hunnic thrust into Europe and the Roman Empire was an attempt to subdue independent Goths in the west. In AD, the Ostrogoths successfully revolted against the Huns at the Battle of Nedao and their leader Theodoric the Great invaded what is now Italy in 488 and settled his people there, founding an Ostrogothic Kingdom which eventually gained control of the whole Italian peninsula. Under Theodemir, the Ostrogoths broke away from Hunnic rule following the Battle of Nedao in 488, and decisively defeated the Huns again under Valamir at Bassianae in 491. At the request of emperor Zeno, Theodoric conquered all of Italy from the Scirian Odoacer beginning in 488. Procopius interpreted the name Visigoth as "western Goths" and the name Ostrogoth as "eastern Goth", reflecting the geographic distribution of the Gothic realms at that time. The Ostrogothic kingdom persisted until under Teia, when Italy returned briefly to Byzantine control. This restoration of imperial rule was reversed by the conquest of the Lombards in 568. In the late 18th century, Gothic tribes who remained in the lands around the Black Sea, especially in Crimea - then known as Crimean Goths - were still mentioned as existing in the region and speaking a Crimean Gothic dialect, making them the last true Goths. The language is believed to have been spoken until as late as 18th century. They are believed to have been assimilated by the Crimean Tatars. Art[edit] An Ostrogothic eagle-shaped fibula, 5th century AD, Germanisches Nationalmuseum Nuremberg Before the invasion of the Huns, the Gothic Chernyakhov culture produced jewelry, vessels, and decorative objects in a style much influenced by Greek and Roman craftsmen. They developed a polychrome style of gold work, using wrought cells or setting to encrust gemstones into their gold objects. This style was influential in West Germanic areas well into the Middle Ages. Gothic language and Gothic alphabet The Gothic language is the Germanic language with the earliest attestation, from the 4th century, making it a language of interest in comparative linguistics. All other East Germanic languages are known, if at all, from proper names that survived in historical accounts, and from loan-words in other languages. It is known primarily from the Codex Argenteus, a translation of the Bible. The language was in decline by the 6th century, due to the military victory of the Franks, the elimination of the Goths in Italy, and geographic isolation. In Spain the language lost its last and probably already declining function as a church language when the Visigoths converted to Catholicism in 589. Society[edit] Archaeological evidence in Visigothic cemeteries shows that social stratification was analogous to that of the village of Sabbas the Goth.

The majority of villagers were common peasants. Paupers were buried with funeral rites, unlike slaves. In a village of 50 to people, there were four or five elite couples. The largest known settlement is the Criuleni District. Some graves were left empty. Grave goods often include pottery, bone combs, and iron tools, but hardly ever weapons. They sowed wheat, barley, rye, and flax. They also raised pigs, poultry, and goats. Horses and donkeys were raised as working animals, and fed with hay. Sheep were raised for their wool, which they fashioned into clothing. Archaeology indicates they were skilled potters and blacksmiths. When peace treaties were negotiated with the Romans, the Goths demanded free trade. Imports from Rome included wine and cooking-oil. During the s, Goths converting to Christianity were subject to persecution by the remaining pagan authorities of the Thervingi people. The Gotlanders themselves had oral traditions of a mass migration towards southern Europe, recorded in the Gutasaga. If the facts are related, this would be a unique case of a tradition that endured for more than a thousand years and that actually pre-dates most of the major splits in the Germanic language family. Today, Swedish scholars identify this as a cultural movement called Gothicismus , which included an enthusiasm for things Old Norse. Gothic language and culture largely disappeared during the Middle Ages , although its influence continued in small ways in some western European states. Gothic-seeming terms found in later post-9th century manuscripts may not belong to the same language. In Medieval and Modern Spain, the Visigoths were believed to be the origin of the Spanish nobility compare Gobineau for a similar French idea. In Colombia , the members of the Colombian Conservative Party were referred to as godos. Before the assembled cardinals and delegations could engage in theological discussion, they had to decide how to sit during the proceedings. The delegations from the more prominent nations argued that they should sit closest to the Pope , and there were also disputes over who were to have the finest chairs and who were to have their chairs on mats. In some cases, they compromised so that some would have half a chair leg on the rim of a mat. The Spanish delegation retorted that it was only the "lazy" and "unenterprising" Goths who had remained in Sweden, whereas the "heroic" Goths had left Sweden, invaded the Roman empire and settled in Spain. Old Gutnish was the dialect of Old Norse there. The saga states that it was located on the River Dnieper. They were defeated by the Roman navy but managed to escape into the Aegean Sea , where they ravaged the islands of Lemnos and Scyros. An Athenian militia, led by the historian Dexippus , pushed the invaders to the north where they were intercepted by the Roman army under Gallienus. Part of their fleet was wrecked, either because of the Gothic inexperience in sailing through the violent currents of the Propontis [51] or because it was defeated by the Roman navy. Their bodies provoked contempt in all who saw them, for they were far too big and far too heavy for their feet to carry them, and they were pinched in at the waist â€” just like those insects Aristotle writes of. From to , Constantine, continuing his Danube campaign, defeated many Gothic tribes. While their main force had constructed siege works and was close to taking the cities of Thessalonica and Cassandrea , it retreated to the Balkan interior at the news that the emperor was advancing. On their way, they plundered Dojran and Pelagonia.

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weak () = assumed or reconstructed Gothic word Scholars (among them J. L. L. Tolkien) tried to "revive" the Gothic language by adding new words to the Gothic vocabulary. This I could find acceptable as far as existing words were used to construct a new form or a new compound.*

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In 19c., in reference to living persons, it meant "a Gothicism" (), that is, "an admirer of the Gothic style, especially in architecture." Modern use as an adjective in reference to a subculture style (typically with lower-case g-) is from , short for Gothic in this sense.

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