

Goth

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English

Etymology

From Middle English *Gothes*, *Gotes* (both plural). In turn partly from Old English *Gotan*, singular *Gota*, and partly from Late Latin *Gothi*. Ultimately from Proto-Germanic **gutô*, perhaps from **geutanq* (“to pour”). Compare Old Norse *Goti* (“Gotlander, Goth”), and related also to *Gutnish*, *Gotland*.

Pronunciation

- (Received Pronunciation) IPA^(key): /ɡɒθ/
- (US) IPA^(key): /ɡɑθ/
- Rhymes: -ɒθ

Noun

Goth (*plural* **Goths**)

- A member of the East Germanic people known for their invasion of the western Roman Empire and subsequent founding of successor states in Italy and Spain during Late Antiquity
- (figuratively)* Uncivilized person, barbarian, vandal.
- Alternative form of* **goth** (member of gothic subculture)

Derived terms

- Gothic

Related terms

- Geat
- goth
- Gotlander
- Gutan
- Gutnish
- Gutone
- Ostrogoth
- Visigoth

Translations

member of the East Germanic tribe

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