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The instructor may make changes to the syllabus in future courses.

## The Vikings: Raiders, traders & farmers.

### ANT 000, course no.

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**Location:** TBA  
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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Vikings are most popularly thought of as warriors raiding settlements along the northern coastline of Europe during the Viking Age (ca. 793 – 1050 AD), but their society and activities extended well beyond this time frame and scope. This course furnishes a broad overview of the Vikings, beginning with the roots of Norse culture in Scandinavia, their social structure, subsistence, art, architecture, technology, religion, language, and literature, and their broad interactions as raiders, traders, and explorers in the world beyond Scandinavia, including their expansion westward into parts of Europe, the British Isles, Iceland, and Greenland. Additional discussion will cover their variously hostile through peaceful interactions with the indigenous peoples in Greenland, the Arctic, Labrador and Newfoundland (ca. 1000 – 1450+ AD), their demise in Greenland, and the evidence for Norse explorations, exploitation, and influence in northeast North America, ranging from the eastern Arctic through Newfoundland, and perhaps beyond.

#### **OVERALL COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course aims (1) to educate students in the broad historical, archaeological, cultural, and related topics regarding the Viking period and world, furnishing a fairly comprehensive and introductory overview. The documentaries and written responses serve (2) to illustrate and reinforce selected topics, providing visual references, specialist views, and general narration. (3). The in-class seminars and (4) class member presentations are designed to provide students with more in-depth understanding regarding key concepts and subject materials, and experience in presenting one's essay research and results. The mid-term and end-of-term examinations, accompanied by pre-posted, focus-learning guides, should (5) aid students in focusing upon, comprehending, and memorizing the most salient data and broader trends that characterize the Viking World. The research essay enables students (6) to explore in more depth and in a more critical fashion a topic of interest not covered in sufficient detail in class, including guidance and feedback to assist in learning and refining the composition of college essays. This course also aims (7) to provide a sufficiently comprehensive overview as a "gateway" course to allow students to assess whether they wish to pursue additional and more advanced studies regarding this cultural area, period, and/or a related aspect.

#### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

The course includes grades for attendance/participation (10%), a series of (*in-class*) written responses to several

documentaries and/or readings (**20%**), a mid-term and end-of-term examination (**40%** [20% each, with pre-posted study guides]), and a 10-12 page research paper (i.e., 2500-3000 words; **30%** [with in-class and posted guidance]). Of note, three gratis absences are provided for illness, official UAB events, and other legitimate reasons, while unexplained, additional absences will require consultation with the instructor and will receive a deduction of 0.5% per missed class (*albeit with an opportunity to make-up legitimate, documented absences by submitting a 500-word summary for each missed lecture from the pertinent readings and/or power point presentations [individual circumstances may vary, but require consultation with the instructor]*).

**Plagiarism** will result in at least a ZERO (“0”) on a given assignment, for the course, and possibly further academic and related penalties imposed by the College of Arts and Science/UAB. Consult the UAB handbook regarding the academic code of conduct. In essence, plagiarism constitutes representing someone else’s work (be it published or unpublished) as one’s own work, which may range from minor infractions through to full replication of another person’s work. Minor infractions are often simple misunderstandings and can be easily remedied (see essay guide); major infractions will not be tolerated. Students will be asked to submit both a physical paper and an electronic version via “**Turn-it-in**” on Canvas (the latter medium checks a growing data base, with internet access, for plagiarism).

**SEE STUDENT UAB HANDBOOK for definitions of “plagiarism”:** *i.e.*, it means essentially submitting any work, or large portions of any work, that is actually **not** your own work (*i.e.*, words), and without crediting the original source. In brief, one should re-word another person’s/persons’ words/arguments into one’s own words and credit the source from which one obtained the data (*e.g.*, using footnotes, endnotes, and/or parenthetical referencing/citations with the author’s name(s), date of publication, page(s) for the data, and a full reference in the bibliography). You cannot “*double dip*” either, meaning you can only submit *one assignment once* (at UAB); you cannot re-submit the same assignment to another instructor/course (this also counts as “0” / ZERO).

**Grade range:**        **Fail** = 0-59%; **D** = 60-69%; **C** = 70-79%; **B** = 80-89%; **A** = 90-100%

### **REQUIRED READINGS (Textbooks):**

Rosedahl, Else

1999 *The Vikings (second edition)*. New York: Penguin Books (revised edition). ***In-print.***

**ISBN-10:** 0140252827; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140252828.

Haywood, John

1995 *The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Vikings*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books. ***In-print.***

**ISBN-10:** 0140513280; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140513288.

Somerville, Angus A. and McDonald, R. Andrew (eds.),

2014 *The Viking Age, a Reader (second edition)*. Readings in Medieval Civilizations and Cultures 14.

Toronto: University of Toronto Press. ***In-print.***

**ISBN-10:** 1442608676; **ISBN-13:** 978-1442608672.

Anonymous and Robert Cook

2002 *Njal's Saga*. Translated by Robert Cook. Harmondsworth: Penguin Classics (revised edition).

**ISBN-10:** 9780140447699; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140447699. ***This and other editions in print.***

Anonymous and Byock, Jesse L.

2012 *The Saga of the Volsungs: The Norse Epic of Sigurd the Dragon Slayer (3rd revised edition)*. Translated by J. L. Byock. Berkeley: University of California Press. **ASIN:** B00RWRTGDG.

***This and other editions in-print (e.g., Penguin Classics 2<sup>nd</sup> edition).***

PENULTIMATE (still being finalized for actual initial semester)

**SYLLABUS:**

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*PLEASE NOTE: The syllabus is subject to adjustment (the course is being designed & taught for the first time)*

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**COURSE ITINERARY (being adapted from a syllabus provided by Dr. Douglas Bolender)** :

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**WEEK-1: Who were the Vikings?**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 3-9.

Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 40. Viking raids on England (pp. 230-32)  
41. Alcuin's letter to King Athelred (pp. 232-34)

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**WEEK-2: Viking Culture.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 46-63, 168-184.

Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 3. The Lay of Rig (pp. 18-28)  
21. Unn the deep-minded takes control of her life (126-29)

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**WEEK-3: Farm and Family.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 30-45, 94-107.

Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 6. How the Hersir Erling treated his slaves;  
28a. The betrothal of Olaf Hoskuldsson (pp. 146-48)  
29c. How Aud dealt with her humiliating divorce (155-57)  
xx. Egil in youth and old age (pp. 362-69)

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**WEEK-4: Kings and States.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 64-77, 129-140.

Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 4. Politics in Herald Finehair's Norway (pp. 28-38);  
94. Herald Finehair and the unification of Norway (434-39)  
95. State-making in Denmark: the Jelling stone (pp.439-40)  
97. Knut the Great and the North Sea empire (pp. 444-56)

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**WEEK-5: The Heroic Ideal.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 140-146.

*The Saga of the Volsungs* (all).

Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 26. Gudrun Osvifrs daughter's incitement of her sons 142-4  
30. The accomplishments of a Viking warrior (pp, 160-62)  
103. Advice from Odin (*Havamal*) (pp, 491-93)

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**WEEK-6: Religion, death and burial.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 147-158.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ...
8. The Norse creation myth (pp. 76-84)
  9. Ragnarok (pp. 85-90)
  10. A prophetess in Greenland (pp. 90-92)
  13. Odin hangs on Yggdrasil (pp. 96-97)
  16. The temple at Uppsala (pp. 102-3)
  - 19a. An Arab description of a Viking funeral (pp. 106-10)
  - 19d. The death of Baldur (pp. 111-13)
  20. The living dead (pp. 114-24)
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**WEEK-7: Cultures in Contact: Vikings in the East and West.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 187-261, 277-292.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ...
43. Viking raids on Ireland, 795-842 (pp. 235-240)
  45. Irish resistance to the Norse men (pp. 242-45)
  49. An account of the siege of Paris (pp. 267-69)
  51. Viking activities in England, 851-900 (pp. 274-82)
  55. Runic inscriptions from Maes Howe (pp. 293-94)
  57. Rollo obtains Normandy from king of Franks (295-300)
  58. The Piraeus Lion (pp. 302-303)
  60. The Rus attack Constantinople (pp. 304-308)
  62. A Muslim diplomat meets Viking merchants (316-18)
  64. A Norwegian soldier of fortune in the East (pp. 321-25)
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**WEEK-8: BREAK.**

No Class

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**WEEK-9: The Icelandic Sagas.**

**Readings:** *Njal's Saga*, chapters 1-34.

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**WEEK-10: Ships, Raiding, and Trade.**

**Readings:** *Njal's Saga*, chapters 35-90.

Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 73-93, 108-128.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ...
37. Animal head on the prows of ships (pp. 201-2)
  - 38b. Olaf Tryggvason and the Battle of Svold (204-14)
  77. Advice for sailors and merchants (pp. 360-62)
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**WEEK-11: Reconciliation and Feud.**

**Readings:** *Njal's Saga*, chapters 91-159.

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### **WEEK-12: Christian Conversion.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 158-167.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 84. The conversion of the Danes under Harald Bluetooth (pp. 398-400)
86. A poet abandons the old gods (pp. 408-9)
87. Christianization of Norway under Saint Olaf (409-16)
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### **WEEK-13: New Frontiers: Iceland, Greenland, and North America.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 262-276.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 67. Sail directions and distances in the North Atlantic (331)
70. Icelandic accounts of the discovery and settlement of Iceland (pp. 336-42)
71. Skallagrim's landtake in Iceland (pp. 343-46)
72. The settlement of Greenland (pp. 346-48)
75. The Norse discovery of Vinland (pp. 350-54)
76. Thorfinn Karlsefni in Vinland (pp. 355-57)
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### **WEEK-14: Special lectures on the Vikings in Greenland, L'Anse aux Meadows & indigenous interactions**

**Readings:** *Pending.*

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### **WEEK-15: The End of the Viking Age.**

**Readings:** Rosedahl 1999, *The Vikings*: pp. 295-297.

- Somerville and McDonald 2014, *The Viking Age* ... 100. The Battle of Stamford bridge (pp. 471-79)
101. The decline of the Earls of Orkney (pp. 479-84)

Diamond, Jared

2011 "Norse Greenland's End," pp. 248-76 (chp. 8) in J. Diamond, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed (revised edition)*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books. **Note:** *Critique of chp.8; mixed reviews!*

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### **WEEK-16: Legacies of the Viking Age.**

**Readings:** None.

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## **ADDITIONAL, RECOMMENDED READINGS:**

### **(a). Articles/chapters:**

#### **i. Who were the Vikings:**

Hedeager, Lotte

2008 "Scandinavia before the Viking Age," pp. 11-22 (chp. 1) in S. Brink and N. Price (eds.), *The Viking World*. London: Routledge. **Pdf via online search**

#### **ii. Viking culture:**

Brink, Stefan

2008 "Law and society: politics and legal customs in Viking Scandinavia," pp. – (chp. ) in S. Brink and N. Price (eds.), *The Viking World*. London: Routledge. **Pdf via online search**

#### **iii. Viking farm and family:**

Callow, Chris

2007 "Transition to adulthood in early Icelandic society," pp. 45-55 in S. Crawford and G. Shepherd (eds.), *Children, Childhood and Social Identity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. **Pdf via online search**

Jochens, Jenny

1991 "The illicit love visit: an archaeology of Old Norse sexuality," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* Vol. 1, No. 3 (Jan., 1991): 357-392. **See JSTOR**

Karras, Ruth Mazo

2003 "Marriage and the creation of kin in the sagas," *Scandinavian Studies* Vol. 75, No. 4 (Winter 2003): 473-490. **See JSTOR**

Østergård, Elise

2004 *Woven into the Earth: Textiles from Norse Greenland*. Aarhus: Aarhus University Press.  
**See specific excerpts from this volume.**

#### **iv. Viking kings and state:**

Thurston, T. L.

1997 "Historians, Prehistorians, and the tyranny of the historical record," *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory* vol. 4 nos.3/4: 239-263. **See JSTOR**

#### **v. The Viking heroic ideal:**

Jakobsson, Ármann

1996 "The hole: problems in medieval dwarfology," *Arv* 61 (2005): 53-76. **See academia pdf.**

Meulengracht Sørensen,

1983 *The Unmanly Man: Concepts of Sexual Deformation in Early Northern Society*. Translated by Joan Turville-Petre. The Viking Collection, Studies in Northern Civilization, vol. 1. Odense University Press.  
**Pdf copies available online (<https://openlibrary.org/>).**

#### **vi. Viking religion, burial and death:**

Haustrup, Kirsten

1990 "Cosmology and society in medieval Iceland," chp.1 in *Island of Anthropology: Studies in Past and Present Iceland*. The Viking Collection, Studies in Northern Civilization, vol. 5. Odense University Press. **Pdf copies available online (<https://openlibrary.org/>).**

Jakobsson, Ármann

2011 "Vampires and watchmen: categorizing the medieval Icelandic undead," *The Journal of English and Germanic Philology*, vol. 110 no.3 (July 2011): 281-300. **Pdf online**

Lucas, Gavin and McGovern, Thomas

2007 “Bloody slaughter: ritual decapitation and display at the Viking settlement of Hofstaðir, Iceland,” *European Journal of Archaeology*, vol. 10 no. 1 (April 2007): 7-30.

**Pdf online via** <http://eja.sagepub.com/content/10/1/7.abstract>

Price, Neil

2004 “The archaeology of Seiðr: Circumpolar traditions in Viking pre-Christian religion,” pp. 109-126 in S. Lewis-Simpson (ed.). *Vinland Revisited: The Norse World at the Turn of the First Millennium*. St. John’s: Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Pdf online via** <https://www.scribd.com/document/224796488/Neil-Price-Seidr> (and other sources)

Raudvere, Helena Catharina

2008 “Popular religion in the Viking Age,” pp. 235-243 (chp. 17) in S. Brink and N. Price (eds.), *The Viking World*. London: Routledge. **Pdf via online search** (e.g., google books)

### **vii. Cultures in contact: Vikings in the East and West:**

Holm, Paul

1986 “The slave trade in Dublin,” *Peritia* vol. 5 (1986): 317-345. <http://www.vanhamel.nl/codecs/Peritia>

Metcalf, Michael

1997 “Viking Age Numismatics 3: What happened to Islamic dirhams after their arrival in the Northern Lands?” *Numismatic Chronicle* vol. 157: 295-335. **See JSTOR**

Barrett, James H.

2003 “Culture contact in Viking Age Scotland,” pp.73–111 in J. H. Barrett (ed.), *Contact, Continuity, and Collapse: The Norse Colonization of the North Atlantic*. Studies in the Early Middle Ages 5. Turnhout: Brepolis Publishers. <http://www.brepolsonline.net/doi/abs/10.1484/M.SEM-EB.3.3832>

Price, Neil

2000 “Laid waste, plundered and burned: Vikings in Frankia,” pp. 116-26 in William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward (eds.). *Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute Press. **Pdf online search**

### **viii. The Icelandic sagas:**

Turner, Victor Witter

1971 “An anthropological approach to the Icelandic saga,” pp. 349-74 in T. O. Beidelman (ed.). *The Translation of Culture: Essays to E. E. Evans-Pritchard*. London: Tavistock Publications.

Jakobsson, Ármann

2007 “Masculinity and politics in *Njal’s saga*,” *Viator (Medieval and Renaissance Studies)* vol. 38 no1 (2007): 191-215. **Pdf:** <http://www.brepolsonline.net/doi/abs/10.1484/J.VIATOR.2.302082?journalCode=viator>

### **ix. Ships, raiding and trade:**

Bill, Jan

1997 “Ships and seamanship,” pp. 182-201 in Peter Sawyer (ed.). *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Vikings*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Miller, William I.

1986 “Gift, Sale, Payment, Raid: Case studies in the negotiation and classification of exchange in Medieval Iceland,” *Speculum* vol. 61 (1986): 18-50. **Pdf:** <http://repository.law.umich.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1849&context=articles>

Sindbæk, Søren Michael

2007 “The small world of the Vikings: Networks in Early Medieval communication and exchange,” *Norwegian Archaeological review* vol. 40 no. 1 (): 59-74.

**Pdf via** <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00293650701327619>

Skre, Dagfinn

2008 "The development of urbanism in Scandinavia," pp. 83-93 in S. Brink and N. Price (eds.). *The Viking World*. London: Routledge. **Pdf via online search** (e.g., google books)

#### **x. Reconciliation and feud:**

Byock, Jesse L.

1982 "The importance of land in saga feud," pp. 143-60 (chapter 8) in J. L. Byock, *Feud in the Icelandic Saga*. Berkeley: University of California Press. **Pdf via online search**

#### **xi. Christian conversion:**

Byock, Jesse, et al.,

2003 "A Viking Age farm, church and cemetery at Hrisbru Mosfell Iceland," *Antiquity* 77 (no. 297): -. **Pdf online search (see JSTOR)**

Jochens, Jenny

1999 "Late and peaceful: Iceland's conversion through arbitration in 1000," *Speculum* vol. 74 (1999): 621-55.

Bagge, Sverre

2005 "Christianization and state formation in early medieval Norway," *Scandinavian Journal of History* 30 (2005): 107-34.

Vésteinsson, Orri

2005 "The formative phase of the Icelandic church, ca. 990 – 1240 AD," pp. 71-84 in Helgi Þorláksson (ed.). *Church Centres. Church Centres in Iceland and their Parallels in other Countries*. Reykholt: **Pdf:** [http://opac.regesta-imperii.de/lang\\_en/anzeige.php?sammelwerk=Church+Centres.+Church+Centres+in+Iceland+and+their+Parallels+in+other+Countries](http://opac.regesta-imperii.de/lang_en/anzeige.php?sammelwerk=Church+Centres.+Church+Centres+in+Iceland+and+their+Parallels+in+other+Countries)

#### **xii. New Frontiers: Iceland, Greenland, and North America.**

Goodacre, S., Helgason, A., et al.,

2005 "Genetic evidence for a family-based Scandinavian settlement of Shetland and Orkney during the Viking Periods," *Heredity* vol. 95 (2005): 1-7. **Pdf online search / interlibrary loan.**

McGovern, Thomas; Vésteinsson, Orri; Fridriksson, Adolf; Church, Mike; Lawson, Ian; Simpson, Ian A.; Einarsson, Arni; et. al.,

2007 "Landscapes of settlement in Northern Iceland: Historical Ecology of Human Impact and Climate Fluctuation on the Millennial Scale." *American Anthropologist* vol. 109: 27-51. **(see JSTOR)**

Ross, Margaret Clunies

1998 "Land-taking and text-making in medieval Iceland," pp. 59-84 in Sylvia Tomasch and Sealy Gilles (eds.). *Text and Territory: Geographical Imagination in the European Middle Ages*. Philadelphia: The University of Pennsylvania Press. **Pdf online search (see Google Books)**

Jochens, Jenny

2002 "Vikings westward to Vinland: the problem of women," pp. – in Sarah Anderson and Karen Swenson (eds.). *The Cold Counsel: Women in Old Norse Literature and Myth*. Garland Reference Library of the Humanities. London: Routledge. **Pdf online search (see Google Books)**

Sutherland, Patricia D.

2000 "The Norse and native North Americans," pp. 241-46 in William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward (eds.). *Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute Press. **Pdf online search.**

Wallace, B. L.

2000 "An archaeologist's interpretation of the *Vinland Sagas*," pp. 225-231 in William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward (eds.). *Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute Press. **Pdf online search.**



### **xiii. The End of the Viking Age:**

Diamond, Jared

2011 *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed (revised edition)*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

**Note:** Critique of chapter 6 (pp. 178-210) “The Viking Prelude and Fugues,” chapter 7 (pp. 211-47)

“Norse Greenland’s flowering,” and **chapter 8 (pp. 248-76) “Norse Greenland’s end.” Mixed reviews!**

Arneborg, Jette, Lynnerup, Niels, and Heinemeier, J.

2012 “Human diet and subsistence patterns in Norse Greenland,” *Journal of the North Atlantic, special volume 3* (October 2012): 119-33.

**Pdf:** [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/254560368\\_Human\\_Diet\\_and\\_Subsistence\\_Patterns\\_in\\_Norse\\_Greenland\\_AD\\_C980-AD\\_c\\_1450\\_Archaeological\\_interpretations](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/254560368_Human_Diet_and_Subsistence_Patterns_in_Norse_Greenland_AD_C980-AD_c_1450_Archaeological_interpretations)

Arneborg, Jette

2000 “Greenland and Europe,” pp. 304-17 in William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward (eds.). *Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute Press. **Pdf online search.**

Lynnerup, Niels

2000 “Life and death in Norse Greenland,” pp. 285-94 in William W. Fitzhugh and Elisabeth I. Ward (eds.). *Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga*. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute Press. **Pdf online search.**

McGovern, Thomas H.

1980 “Cows, Harp Seals, and Church bells: Adaptation and Extinction in Norse Greenland,” *Human Ecology* vol. 8 no. 3 (September 1980): 245-75. (**see JSTOR**)

[https://www.jstor.org/stable/4602559?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/4602559?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents)

Ogilive et al,

2009 “Seals and sea ice in medieval Greenland,” *Journal of the North Atlantic* vol. 2 no.1 (2009): 60-80.

### **ESSAY GUIDANCE:**

#### **Selected bibliography: The Vikings in Scandinavia and Europe in general:**

Brink, Stefan and Price, Neil (eds.)

2008 *The Viking World*. London: Routledge.

Brondsted, Johannes

1965 *The Vikings (Revised edition)*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Clarke, Helen and Ambrosiani, Bjorn

1995 *Towns in the Viking Age (revised edition)*. London: Leicester University Press.

Graham-Campbell, James

2013 *The Viking World*. London: Frances Lincoln Limited Publishers.

Hadley, D. M. and Harkel, Letty Ten (eds.)

2013 *Everyday Life in Viking-Age Towns: Social Approaches to Towns in England and Ireland, c. 800-1100*. Oxford: Oxbow Books.

Jones, Gwyn

1984 *A History of the Vikings (Revised edition)*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Rosedahl, Else et. al. (eds.)

2014 *Aggersborg: The Viking-Age settlement and fortress*. Jutland Archaeological Society Publications vol. 82. Kobenhavn: Jutland Archaeological Society (Nat. Museum of Denmark).

Sigurðardóttir, Sigríður

2012 *Traditional Building Methods*. Translated by Anna Yates. Skagafjörður Heritage Museum Booklet no. XVI. Glaumbaer: Skagafjörður Heritage Museum. **Pdf/online**

Sigurðardóttir, Sigríður

2008 *Building with Turf*. Translated by Nancy Marie Brown. Skagafjörður Heritage Museum Booklet no. X. Glaumbaer: Skagafjörður Heritage Museum. **Pdf/online**

Skre, Dagfinn (ed.)

2007 *Kaupang in Skiringssal*. Kaupang Excavation Project Publication Series, Volume 1 (Norske Oldfunn XXII). Oslo: Aarhus University Press.

Sykes, Bryan

2006 *Saxons, Vikings, and Celts: The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland*. Original title: Blood of the Isles: Exploring the Genetic Roots of our Tribal History. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.

Williams, G., Pentz, P., and Wemhoff, M. (eds.)

2014 *Vikings: Life and Legend*. Exhibition catalogue for British Museum, Nat. Museum of Denmark, & State Museum of Berlin. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Wilson, David

1970 *The Vikings and Their Origins: Scandinavia in the First Millennium*. London: Thames and Hudson.

Wolf, Kirsten

2004 *Viking Age: Everyday Life during the Extraordinary Era of the Norsemen*. New York: Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.

### **Viking sagas:**

Johnston, George and Faulkes, Anthony

2001 *Three Icelandic Outlaw Sagas: The Saga of Gisli, the Saga of Grettir, the Saga of Hord*. London: J. M. Dent / Orion Publishing Group & Tuttle Publishing.

Johnston, George and Foote, Peter

1963 *The Saga of Gisli*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Jones, Gwyn

1961 *Erik the Red and Other Icelandic Sagas*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kunz, Keneva and Sigurdsson, Gisli

2008 *The Vinland Sagas*. Translated by Keneva Kunz. London: Penguin Books.

Magnusson, Magnus and Palsson, Hermann

1969 *Laxdaela Saga*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Magnusson, Magnus and Palsson, Hermann

1966 *King Harald's Saga*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Magnusson, Magnus and Palsson, Hermann

1965 *The Vinland Sagas: The Norse Discovery of America*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Magnusson, Magnus and Palsson, Hermann

1960 *Njal's Saga*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Palsson, Hermann and Edwards, Paul

1978 *Orkneyinga Saga: The Histories of the Earls of Orkney*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Palsson, Hermann

1971 *Hrafnkel's Saga and Other Stories*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

Palsson, Hermann and Edwards, Paul

1985 *Seven Viking Romances*. Harmondsworth; Penguin Books.

Palsson, Hermann and Edwards, Paul

1976 *Egil's Saga*. Harmondsworth: Penguin Books.

### **Syntheses on the Vikings and their settlement in Iceland, Greenland (and related explorations):**

Byock, Jesse

2001 *Viking Age Iceland*. London: Penguin Books.

- Carter, W. Hodding and Kaye, Russell  
 2000 *An Illustrated Viking Voyage: Retracing Leif Eriksson's Journey in an Authentic Viking Knarr*. New York: Pocket Books (Simon & Schuster, Inc.).
- Davis, Graeme  
 2009 *Vikings in America*. Edinburgh: Birlinn Limited.
- Fitzhugh, William W. and Ward, Elisabeth I. (eds.)  
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