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# **Vikings and Their Stories: Saga Literature**



Readings (in translation) of classic Old Icelandic sagas, whose content and energized style emerged during the first European expansion toward the west a millennium ago. These nonfiction narratives about families, battles, and politics in a blood-feud society, told in a succinct, vigorous prose, are often regarded as precursors of the modern historical novel. They will be discussed in terms of their literary, historical and cultural context. Conducted in English. No prerequisites. **GEN. ED.**