

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

July's Topic: Vikings

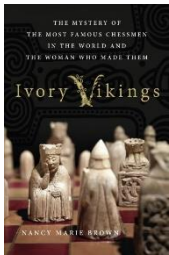
Meeting Date: Thursday, July 19th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

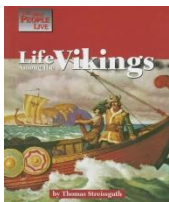
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the Vikings. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



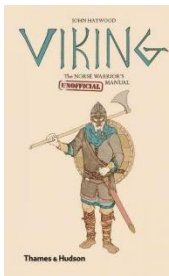
[Ivory Vikings: The Mystery of the Most Famous Chessmen in the World and the Woman Who Made Them](#) by Nancy Marie Brown – 736.62 BRO

Draws on medieval Icelandic sagas, modern archaeology, art history, forensics, and the history of board games to discuss the Lewis chessman.



[Life Among the Vikings](#) by Thomas Streissguth – 948 STR

Discusses the history, settlements, social structure, religion, occupations, and culture of the Vikings.



[Viking: The Norse Warrior's \(Unofficial\) Manual](#) by John Haywood – 948.022 HAY

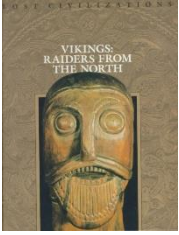
So you want to be a Viking? Vikings are the lords of the northern seas. Fame, glory, and wealth await those who brave storms and enemy spears to plunder far and wide in foreign lands. Who wouldn't like to come home laden with silver, earning a reputation that will live on long after lesser men have been forgotten? This book tells you everything you need to know to become a successful Viking warrior in the tenth century.



[The Vikings in Medieval History \(Great Courses\)](#) by Kenneth Harl – audiobooks on hoopla*

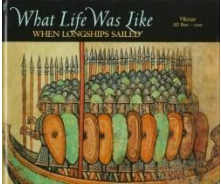
Explorers and traders, the Vikings sailed from Newfoundland to Baghdad, across raging seas and swift rivers, extending trade and prosperity in voyages of creative destruction. By 1100, however, the Vikings had disappeared, having willingly shed their identity and

dissolved into the mists of myth and legend. How did this happen? And how should we remember this formidable civilization?



Vikings: Raiders from the North by Time-Life Books – 940 VIK

Offers an examination of the Viking era, using research done on salvaging ships, excavating burial mounds, and mixing 20th-century technology with 10th-century finds.



What Life Was Like When Longships Sailed by Time-Life Books – 948 WHA

Gathers the contemporary accounts of travelers, scribes, and church officials to depict the daily lives of the Vikings and describe their conquests, settlements, and Atlantic exploration.



The World of the Vikings by Ole Klindt-Jensen – 948.03 KLI

A general overview of Viking history.

Videos:



CrashCourse

The Vikings!: Crash Course World History #224 – <https://tinyurl.com/q79cs3y>

So what's the deal with Vikings? Well, the stuff you've heard about them may not be true. The Vikings weren't just pagan raiders striking terror into the hearts of defenseless European Christendom. They were some of the greatest travelers of their time, and they weren't always traveling to steal. In a lot of cases, they were traveling to trade. John will teach you about Viking trade goods, Norse Mythology, and yes, there will be blood, guts, and dragons.

Podcasts:



Denmark's Early Royalty and the Jelling Stones by Stuff You Missed in History

Class – <https://tinyurl.com/yavzdrvh>

The beginning of Denmark's monarchy more than a thousand years ago is linked to two large rune stones at Jelling. Is it possible that the stones were part of an effort on Harald Blåtand's part to revise the history of his parents, Gorm and Thyre?

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