

# Vikings in Canada: L'Anse aux Meadows — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- Around 1,000 years ago, Norse (Viking) sailors reached the coast of Newfoundland.
- Their settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows is the earliest known European site in North America.
- This was about 500 years before Columbus.
- They did not stay long, but it shows how far Vikings travelled.

## Key vocabulary

- Norse — the Viking peoples of Scandinavia.
- Settlement — a place where people make homes.
- Archaeology — studying the past through remains.
- Saga — an old Norse story.

## An amazing journey

The Vikings sailed across the North Atlantic in open boats — a remarkable feat that brought them to North America centuries before other Europeans.

## How we know

Archaeologists found the remains of Norse buildings, matching old Viking sagas that told of a land to the west.