



Hidden Histories of the Viking Age

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Vikings on the Isle of Lewis, BBC Radio 4 (origin of the Lewis Chess Pieces)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09nxzn5>

Gallery for *Vikings on the Isle of Lewis*, BBC Radio 4:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05w6kw8/p05w6nph>

Music of the Vikings, BBC Radio 3

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0020y90>

Gallery for *Music of the Vikings*, BBC Radio 3:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0j88bry/p0j8878c>

Artist's analysis of how they drew the Inchmarnock Hostage Stone (with the alternative interpretation that these raiders were Pictish or Irish):

<https://dairsieonline.co.uk/wordpress/2020/03/09/drawing-the-hostage-stone/>

Bergen 700 Years Ago by ArkikonAS (roughly the time when Gyda scratched her runestick):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0081A9fa9w>

Digital Collections of the National Museum of Denmark (including lots of runes and Viking Age artefacts):

<https://en.natmus.dk/digital-collections/>

British Museum Collections, Vikings:

https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/search?keyword=viking&fbclid=IwAR2-G_3CZ3Rj4igQ82ITdLg9d4Q3ZixVs-Qubdwnr0MXb6OQ--_JtkHiVM

Exciting new Museum of the Viking Age in Oslo, opening 2027: <https://www.vikingtidsmuseet.no/english/>

Old Norse-Icelandic manuscripts at Árnastofnun, Iceland, including information on the current manuscript exhibition featuring Morkinskinna (the manuscript where the 'embers of the hands' kenning comes from):

<https://www.arnastofnun.is/en/front-page>

Jorvik Viking Centre: <https://www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk/>

UNESCO World Heritage Convention on the Viking Age site at L'Anse aux Meadows: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/4/>

My Top Six Artefacts:



The Inchmarnock Hostage Stone, Scotland, c. 8th/9th century. © Headland Archaeology



Polar Bear carved from walrus ivory, Eastern Settlement, Greenland © Greenland National Museum and Archives



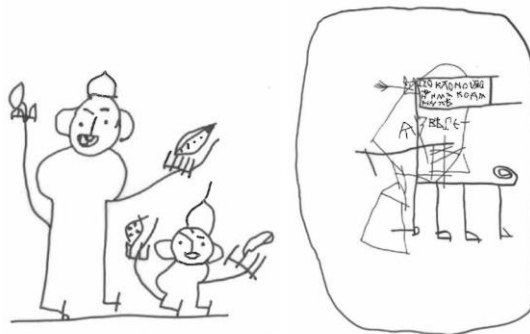
Gaming pieces, whale bone king and walrus ivory, Baldursheimur, Iceland, 10th century.
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Bronze Thor's hammer, Lolland, Denmark, 10th century, © National Museum of Denmark



Bone figurine, Hedeby, Denmark, 9th/11th century © Landesmuseen Schleswig-Holstein



Sketches showing two examples of Onfim's birch bark artwork (Novgorod, Russia, c.13th Century). Image © Cecily Gayford