

English 401: Introduction to Old Norse
Language Exercise One
Assigned in Week Two—Due in Class Week Three

Or *Gunnlaugs saga*

Þorsteinn het maðr; hann var Egilsson, Skalla-Grimssonar, Kveld-Ulfssonar hersis or Noregi; en Asgerðr het móðir Þorsteins ok var Bjarnardóttir. Þorsteinn bjó at Borg i Borgarfirði; hann var auðigr at fe ok hofðingi mikill, vitr maðr ok hogværr ok hofsmaðr um alla hluti.

Common Nouns:

Saga (F. n, G #93) story, tale
Maðr (M. cons., G #89) man
Son(r) (M. u, G #88) son
Hersir (M. ja, long, G #81) chieftain
Móðir (F. r, G #90) mother
Dóttir (F. r, G #90) daughter
Fe (N. a, orig. u, G #80) cattle
Hofðingi (M. n, G #92) leader
Hofsmaðr (M. cons., G #89) a just man
Hlutr (M. I, G #87) part, thing

Proper Nouns:

Gunnlaugr (M. a, G #80)
Þorsteinn (M. a, G #80)
Egill (M. a, G #80)
Skalla-Grimr (M. a, G #80)
Kveld-Ulfr (M. a, G #80)
Noregr (M. a, G #80) Norway
Asgerðr (F. jo, long, G #84)
Bjorn (M. u, G #88)
Borg (F. o, G #83)
Borgarfjorðr (M. u, G #88)

Adjectives: (G #96-105)

Auðigr—wealthy
Mikill—great
Vitr—wise
Hogværr—gentle
Allr—all

Pronouns:

Hann (M. 3., G #109) he

Prepositions:

Or (dat.) from

At (dat.) at, in, by

I (acc./dat.) into

Um (acc./dat.) around, with regard to

Conjunctions:

En—but, and moreover

Ok—and

Verbs:

Heita (st. VII, G #133) be named

Vera (st. V, G #131, 148) be

Bua (st. VII, G #133) dwell

Language Exercises Due in Week Three:

- Do Fee Language Exercise One (You're Lookin' at It!)
- Be prepared to be quizzed on: "Declension," "Paradigm," "Number," "Case," and "Gender;" what are the four cases of ON nouns, and what grammatical function does each perform?
- Memorize Strong Declension Masculine a-stem Noun Paradigm (*harmr* and *himinn*) [Gordon #80]