



English 401: Viking Studies The Medieval North Atlantic



The Rule of Law in Njal's Saga

Define the role of law in the saga; why is law important to these people, and how does their understanding of law and legal proceedings differ from modern understandings? What does the relationship between political power, kinship ties, and blood-feud have to tell us about the nature of Icelandic law? Find the six most important episodes or examples which illustrate your assessment.