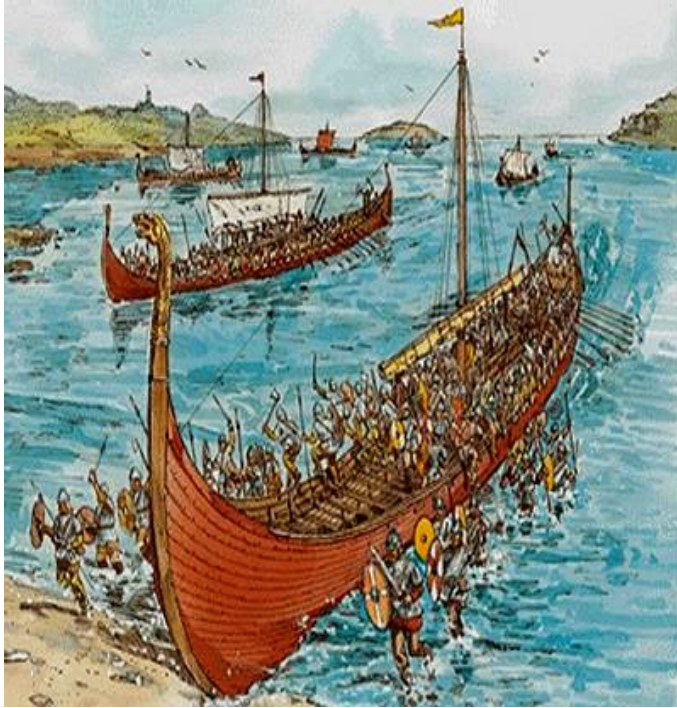# The Viking Invasions of Ireland: 795 – 1014 A.D.

Online 7:30 – 9 pm / Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19 and Dec. 3

The course will cover the history of Viking invasions of Ireland starting in 795 A.D. At first they looted for mobile wealth and slaves. Monasteries and coastal settlements were their main target. Later they used the inland waterways to raid inland. In time they arrived to settle and claim the fertile soil of Ireland. Groups from different parts of Scandinavia came and fought each other for control of Ireland. The Irish clans fought back and in 1014 at the famous Battle of Clontarf they finally defeated the Vikings under the leadership of High King Brian Boru.

In short, until the sand of the sea, or the grass of the field, or the stars of heaven are counted, it will not be easy to recount, or to enumerate, or to relate what the Irish all, without distinction, suffered from them: whether men or women, boys or girls, laics or clerics, freeman or serfs, old or young: indignity, outrage, injury and oppression.

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