

Viking “discovery” of Americas dated

Archaeologists have determined that Vikings occupied the Americas as early as 1021 – exactly 1000 years ago – revealing the earliest known record of humans crossing from Europe to the New World

WOOD DATING

Precise date pinpointed through radiocarbon dating of wooden artefacts found at **L'Anse aux Meadows**, only known Viking site in Americas

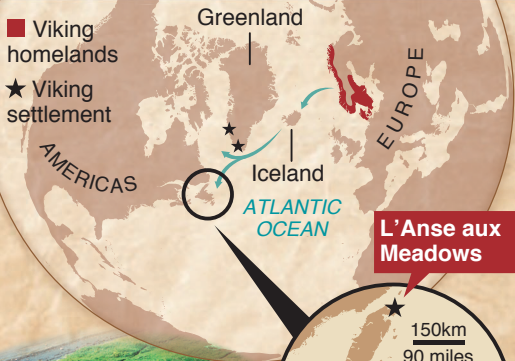
✕ Samples taken

5cm

Clean cuts on wood show artefacts were modified using metal tools – not manufactured by indigenous population at that time

ICELANDIC SAGAS

According to 13th century sagas, Norse explorer **Leif Erikson** established settlement of **Vinland** – in present-day eastern Canada – around 1000, five centuries before voyages of **Christopher Columbus**



150km
90 miles
Newfoundland

Reconstructed buildings at L'Anse aux Meadows

Microscope image of wood fragment

Statue of Erikson in Reykjavik, Iceland

Oseberg ship, Viking Ship Museum, Oslo, Norway

