

Abstract

“The Protocol of Vengeance in Viking-age Scandinavia” seeks to discuss the importance of honor and the established structure of revenge in Northern Europe, namely Iceland, between the 9th and 10th centuries. In spite of both modern and contemporaneous portrayals of a violent people without law, the aim of this paper is to demonstrate the specific cases in which Viking society condoned and employed violence. To this effect, the paper will use particular examples from several major sagas, the only written records of pre-Christian Scandinavia, to outline the precise nuances of violence that corresponded with particular circumstances and stature of the individuals involved.

Keywords: Viking culture, pre-Christian Scandinavia, Iceland, 9th century, 10th century,
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Abstract (incorrect)

This paper will review historical documents from early Europe. **I will** argue against **modern** presentation of the Viking people, as portrayed on contemporary television programs. At the same time, **it** does acknowledge some cultural approved forms of violence by **these people**. Sources include **major documents from the period** to explain how violence was particular to a justified cause. Keywords: violence, Scandinavia, Northern Europe, Vikings

Major Issues with this paragraph:

1. fifty-eight word count
2. use of first person pronouns
3. over-use of vague pronouns (*this, it, these*)
4. the paragraph successfully avoids showing specifics of the paper's defenses
5. "modern" is a vague term; "contemporary" means the present, current era
6. keywords are too general, not specific to the argument
7. only four keywords are supplied
8. the presentation of keywords is incorrect
9. wrong font choice, wrong font size, wrong spacing of lines