

History of Iceland

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Synopsis

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Did you know that Iceland was likely initially settled by Irish monks? Iceland, the land of fire and ice, has a storied history. After the Norse discovered Iceland, they began to settle it, allying the island nation with Norway. However, as power shifted in Scandinavia, Iceland would come to be governed by Denmark for several centuries. For much of Iceland's history, it practiced a subsistence society. The people were dependent on fishing and farming to survive, and because of their isolation, they did not advance at the same rate as the rest of Europe. In addition, they were often subject to forces beyond their control. The often-violent environment not only shaped their daily lives, but also created many of the struggles they faced. Although the Icelanders were isolated, they were impacted by the events in Europe, especially those in the Scandinavian nations. It took centuries, but the Icelanders were able to become a sovereign nation, doing so in 1944. Thanks to the Icelanders' connection to their past, they have maintained their rich literary tradition and have developed a distinct national identity. Iceland is often mentioned in history books, but how much do you actually know about it? In this audiobook, you will learn all about the history of Iceland, from the settlement period to the 20th century. Here is just a snippet of what you will find inside:

- The Old Covenant with Norway and what that meant for Iceland.
- The development of the Althing, which is the oldest existing legislature in the world today.
- The conversion from paganism to Christianity.
- The spread of literacy and Iceland's rich history of literature.
- The role of fish in Iceland's history and economy.
- Iceland's struggle for independence.

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