Teacher Answer Key

Case Study

1. Gudrid notices that the pasture was uncertain and the winters felt long. Stories from scouting parties about strangers in the south made the settlement feel less secure. She knows that a damaged ship, failed supplies, or soured relations with local people could ruin a small camp. As she puts it, a place can be rich and still not be home.

2. The camp contains ship repair, stored timber, and a small settlement focused on logistics rather than a large farming population. That fits the idea of a temporary or seasonal base.

Multiple Choice

1. D

2. B

3. C

Matching

1-E, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B

Fill-in-the-Blank

1) Newfoundland, 2) smithy, 3) Vinland

Short Answer (Sample Responses)

Q1: It showed that the sagas preserve a real memory of Norse travel to North America. Archaeological evidence turned a debated literary tradition into a historically supported event.

Q2: The turf structures, smithy, ironworking remains, and Norse-style artifacts fit known North Atlantic Scandinavian traditions. Taken together, these features made the Norse identification convincing.

Q3: A site can offer useful resources while still being hard to defend, support, or connect to home territories. Distance, climate, limited population, and local conflict can make long-term settlement too risky