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Essay

Read the passages about the rise to power of King Haraldr inn hárfagri in the sagas listed in the bibliography and discuss how the settlement of Iceland appears in connection to this event in all the sagas. On the basis of this analysis, can it be said that they represent different traditions of the settlement? Do they represent different traditions of the King Haraldr's rise to power?

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