

# Impacts of the First Crossing of Greenland

- \* Strategy – Trek westward – not eastward!
- \* *No path of retreat! Forward = Fram*
- \* Nansen learned how to explore polar regions – Inuits shared vital experiences – Nansen wrote about anthropology of Inuits
- \* Men pulled sledges – no dogs though desired
- \* Bolstered confidence to reach poles and Norwegian pride/nationality
- \* Popularized recreational skiing/ski equip.
- \* Brought home sledge dog, *Kvik*
- \* Book a big international success/very positive writing, not complaining about conditions – monies provided living/research funds
- \* Interestingly, Nansen said he had trouble writing – despite the fact that he wrote several very long, readable, and highly acclaimed books!

