

ACTIVITIES

1. Discussion on life during Celtic times
2. Discussion on legends.
3. Read the story of Chú Chulainn for the class.
4. Discuss the story
5. Discuss the weaponry used at the time.
6. Describe the Celtic symbols/patterns
7. Help them design a shield for Cú Chulainn.

Introduction:

Explain to class that we are going to hear an Irish legend. Discuss the life of the people back then and the various things that they did. Discuss the lack of technology and the various pastimes people had because of this, such as storytelling. Explain that these stories are still popular today and that we call them legends.

Body of the lesson:

1. Read Cú Chulainn aloud
2. Question them about the story. Did they like it? What kind of a person was Cú Chulainn? What types of weapons did they use? Cén sórt uirlisí troda/cosanta a bheadh acu?

3. Show them some pictures and discuss the clothes/weaponry of the time.

Mention the celtic patterns in the pictures also. Explain that these patterns have different meaning. Discuss some of those meanings.

Conclusion:

Explain to them that they are going to design a shield for Cú Chulainn.

Foclóir:

Finscéalta— Legend/Folk tales

Scéal béaloidis—folklore/oral tradition.

Ceilteach—Celtic

