

Ringfort

Module 11
Activity Sheet 1

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Name

1. What type of monument is it?
Megalithic Tomb
Stone Circle
Ringfort

2. What shape is it?
Circular
Square
Triangular

3. What is its diameter?
10m
30m
90m

4. What is it enclosed by?
Stone Wall
Earthen Bank

5. How old is it?
100 years
1,000 years
10,000 years

6. What period does it belong to?
Stone Age
Bronze Age
Early Christian

7. What was it?
A defended farmstead
An ancient monastery
A Norman castle

8. What stood on the inside?
A round tower
Thatched houses
A church

9. This type of monument is known as a
Gallán
Lios
Cromlech

10. It is located on
Top of a hill
On sloping ground
In flat land

11. Does it have a good view of the surrounding countryside? Yes No

12. Is the entrance facing? North South East West

13. What is the name of the townland?

Ringfort: Tasks

Team 1 Measure the diameter in meters from bank-to-bank across the centre
north -south east - west.....

Team 2 Measure the height of the bank: On the inside On the outside
Is the interior higher, lower or the same height as the surrounding ground?

Team 3 Measure the depth of the ditch where it is deepest
Measure the width of the ditch where it is widest
What type of vegetation is growing in the interior?

Team 4 Draw a plan of the *ringfort* showing the enclosing bank, the ditch, and the entrance.
If there were three round houses inside the *ringfort* decide on a suitable location for these and
show them on your plan.
Why is this a good place for the houses?

Team 5 There is going to be a feast in the *ringfort*. Prepare a menu for the feast with appropriate food.

Team 6 Using suitable stones grind some corn to make flour.

Team 7 Compose a poem to celebrate a great victory by the local *Rí* against a band of raiding Vikings.

Team 8 You are a band of Vikings about to attack the *ringfort*. Make up a poem to warn the people
living inside the *ringfort* what will happen if they don't give you all their gold and valuables.

Team 9 How many different type of vegetation can you identify growing in and around the *ringfort*?

Team 10 What types of trees are growing in and around the *ringfort*?
Which of the trees would you say is the oldest?

Team 11 Find a suitable location within the fort and built the outline of a house, using what's available-
broken sticks, grass etc. (This should not involve damage to the monument!)

Graveyard: part 1

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1. Is there a stonewall enclosing the graveyard?

All around part of the way no wall

2. Is the wall? In good repair broken in parts very ruinous

3. If it does not go all the way around, what else forms the boundary?

Earthen bank concrete wall iron railing

4. Does the graveyard have paths made of?

Concrete gravel paving stones bricks earthen

5. Is the graveyard?

Well cared for

parts of it tidy and parts covered by overgrowth

mostly covered by overgrowth

6. What shape is the graveyard?

Square rectangular circular other shape

7. Is there a modern extension to the graveyard? Yes No

8. Can you find any of the following in the graveyard?

Wild flowers ground ivy ferns gorse

9. Can you find any of the following in the graveyard?

Yew tree ash tree lime tree oak tree beech tree

10. Any other types of tree in the graveyard?

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11. Can you hear birds singing in the graveyard? Yes No

12. Can you see any birds in the graveyard?

What type

13. Are there any signs of animals in the graveyard? Yes No

14. What are these signs?

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Graveyard: part 2

1. Is there a church in the graveyard that is still in use? Yes No

2. Where in the graveyard is this church?
 At centre north of centre south of centre
 east of centre west of centre

3. Is there an old ruined church in the graveyard? Yes No

4. Where in the graveyard is this church?
 At centre north of centre south of centre
 east of centre west of centre

5. Are the walls of the ruined church?
 Mostly standing about half fallen very little left standing

6. Would you say the graveyard is?
 Completely full of burials
 half full of burials
 only burials in a small part of it

7. Are there headstones in the graveyard? Yes No

8. Are there less than ten headstones? between ten and fifty headstones?
 between fifty and a hundred headstones? more than a hundred headstones?

9. What is the oldest date you can find on a headstone?

10. Take any old and new headstones and fill in the following:

Old headstone

New headstone

Name of person Name of person

Date of birth Date of birth

Date of death Date of death

Where they lived Where they lived

11. Are there any Celtic crosses in the graveyard? Yes No

12. In what century were most of the crosses put up?

12. Are there less than ten Celtic crosses? between ten and fifty Celtic crosses?
 between fifty and a hundred Celtic crosses? more than a hundred Celtic crosses?

13. Is there any chest/box tombs in the graveyard? Yes No How many?

14. Are there any mausoleums in the graveyard? Yes No How many?