

Ringfort

Module 11
Activity Sheet 1

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Name

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| 1. What type of monument is it? | Megalithic Tomb
Stone Circle
Ringfort | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. What shape is it? | Circular
Square
Triangular | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. What is its diameter? | 10m
30m
90m | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. What is it enclosed by? | Stone Wall
Earthen Bank | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. How old is it? | 100 years
1,000 years
10,000 years | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. What period does it belong to? | Stone Age
Bronze Age
Early Christian | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. What was it? | A defended farmstead
An ancient monastery
A Norman castle | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. What stood on the inside? | A round tower
Thatched houses
A church | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. This type of monument is known as a | Gallán
Lios
Cromlech | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. It is located on | Top of a hill
On sloping ground
In flat land | <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Does it have a good view of the surrounding countryside? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 12. Is the entrance facing? | North <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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!)



Name

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?