

Small Kid, Big Legend

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FACTS ABOUT THE CELTS

- They originally came from Central Europe
- They made their swords from iron.
- They didn't write any books. Much of what we know about the Celts comes from the Roman Empire, and Julius Caesar who fought many battles against them.
- Celtic priests were called druids. They were the keepers of ancient knowledge.
- They had four major festivals – Imbolc, Bealtaine, Lúnasa, Samhain – that roughly matched the four seasons.
- They had their own 'man of the match' award, called the 'Champion's Portion'! It was the best part of the meat given to the hero of the day after a hunt or battle.
- They had their own special set of laws called Brehon Law.

TRUE OR FALSE

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING
SENTENCES ARE REAL BREHON LAWS?

1. The harpist was the only musician that had noble standing. **T F**
2. Families were obliged to provide their elderly parents with one oatcake and a container of sour milk every day. **T F**
3. If a patient was recovering in a doctor's house, fools were not allowed to enter until the patient had left. **T F**
4. Families had to wash their elderly parents every night. **T F**
5. If a poet overcharged for a poem, they could lose their position. **T F**
6. You must feed and care for whoever came to your door, with no questions asked. **T F**
7. It was illegal to give somebody food that has been found beside a mouse or weasel. **T F**



GET DRAWING!

The Dealra Dubh is often described as a figure dressed in a cloak as black as the darkest of winter nights, with only its pair of sickly yellow eyes. However, no one really knows what this most evil of ancient Irish monsters looked like. Draw your own version of the Dealra Dubh.

D	E	A	L	R	A	D	U	B	H	A	A	G	T
F	C	A	E	R	B	H	C	M	F	I	I	C	L
O	C	A	R	H	C	A	U	L	O	C	L	O	U
R	A	A	N	R	G	O	L	L	E	A	E	G	C
M	I	K	N	L	K	I	L	D	N	F	E	R	H
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WORDSEARCH

FIND THE NAMES OF THE DIFFERENT CHARACTERS FIONN MEETS IN THE BOOK

CLAN ROONEY
IOLLAN
CANAN
AILEEN MAC MIONA
BREAC
LUCHET
BODHMALL
NEACHT
HIGH KING
FINNEGAS
DEARLA DUBH
MAC CUIL
UALLGARG
KING RIAN
FORMORIANS
LUACHRA
DRUID
MUIRNE
AOIFE
GOLL



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1: True, 2: True, 3: True, 4: False (You only had to bathe them every 20th night and wash their head every Saturday) 5: True, 6: True, 7: False (It was only illegal if it was a dead mouse or weasel!)

TRUE OR FALSE ANSWERS