

Resource Sheet 1 (Picts)



Charity no. SC017546, Company no. 106529

Pictish Wordsearch & Quiz

Suitable for ages 5 plus with some adult help.

Learning and Outreach Role supported by



The Picts were the people of what is now North East Scotland between about 300AD and 900AD. They left no written history so it is difficult to know much about them for sure. We are not even sure what they called themselves; the name 'Pict' comes from the Romans, who referred these northern people as 'Picti', meaning 'painted', probably because of the tattoos or warpaint the Picts used. What we DO know has been uncovered by archaeologists, from what the Romans wrote of them and from the carved symbol stones they created. They lived in brochs, roundhouses and crannogs.

Using **Resource Sheet 1 - Picts** and the **videos linked below** see if you can answer our Pictish quiz:

Pictish stone from Kinneddar (Drainie) (ELGNM: 2009.11)
Scan QR code or type in short-link to access video presentation on your phone



bit.ly/2TSXeBH



Dandaleith Stone (ELGNM: 2014.26)



Scan QR code or type in short-link to access video presentation on your phone

bit.ly/2FoILUZ



1.a)	What was a quern stone used for?	
b)	What different kinds of quern does Elgin Museum have?	
2.a)	What are the walls of roundhouses made from?	
b)	How thick were a broch's walls?	_____m
c)	What is special about a crannog?	
	Can you draw a crannog here:	Could you make your own roundhouse with things you have lying about at home or in the garden? You could use card for the walls and sticks or moss for the roof. Don't forget to leave a hole in the roof to let out the smoke from the fire!
3.a)	Some reports say that Pictish warriors fought naked but what is the warrior in the picture wearing?	
b)	What does the Pict have on his skin?	

4.a)	Why is the Dandaleith Stone special?	
b)	What pair of symbols can be seen on the weathered face?	
c)	When is it thought that it was erected?	
5.a)	What is Janet's favourite object at Elgin Museum and what 'class' is it?	
b)	Where was it when she found out about it?	
c)	What symbols can be seen on it?	

Have a look on the 'Maps' section of the National Library of Scotland website to find Dandaleith and Kinneddar and see how Moray has changed over the years.

Answers below, after wordsearch!

Wordsearch

B	S	Y	M	B	O	L	R	B	K
R	M	L	W	O	A	D	O	P	X
O	J	C	P	G	K	Y	U	T	E
C	S	R	Y	I	V	X	N	L	Q
H	Z	E	E	H	C	F	D	J	V
W	Q	S	L	T	D	T	H	J	R
K	P	C	R	A	N	N	O	G	O
Q	U	E	R	N	G	W	U	F	D
A	J	N	S	T	U	E	S	J	W
T	A	T	T	O	O	P	E	M	T

BROCH
CRANNOG
PICT

CRESCENT
QUERN
SYMBOL

VROD
ROUNDHOUSE
TATTOO

Answers

(1-3 could be answered using the Resource Sheets, 4-5 using the videos)

- 1.a) To grind grain to make flour
 - b) Two – saddle and rotary
 - 2.a) Daub – straw, mud and dung
 - b) Typically 4 metres thick
 - c) On water so easy to defend
 - 3.a) Trews & helmet, with a shield, spear and sword
 - b) Tattoos or body paint
 - 4.a) It is carved on two (adjacent) sides
 - b) Eagle and crescent and VRod
 - c) Probably 7th – 8th century (AD)
 - 5.a) Class II (two) Kinneddar Pictish stone
 - b) Holding the headmaster's door open at Gordonstoun School
 - c) Mirror and comb symbols
- symbols