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Objects can tell stories about Medieval Ireland.

Choose an object you like from the part of the exhibition you have looked at with this Activity Sheet. Draw it in the space below, and answer the questions.

Remember to look closely at the object, and read the information in the Display Case. Work with a friend, if you want to.

This is a

Where was it found?

When was it made?

What was it made from?

What was it used for?

Do people use anything like it today?

What do they use instead?

Congratulations! You have finished this Activity Sheet. There are more Medieval People waiting to meet you on the other Activity Sheets. If you have no time to meet them today, why not come back for another visit?

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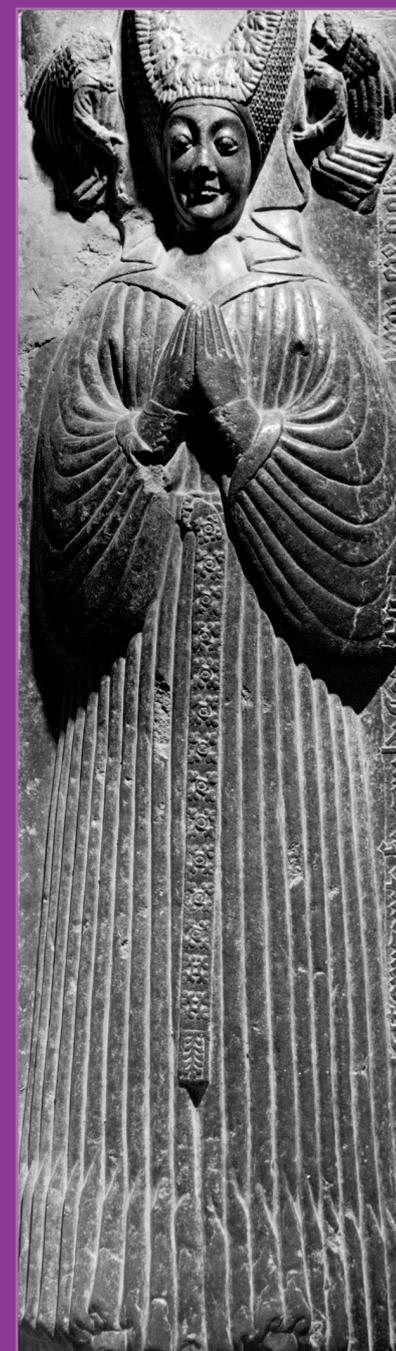
Medieval People

Lady Margaret Butler

MEDIEVAL IRELAND ¹¹⁵⁰⁻¹⁵⁵⁰

Welcome to Medieval Ireland, an exhibition that tells you what it was like to live in Ireland during the Middle Ages. The Middle Ages is the name given to the years between AD500 and 1500, which are also called Medieval times.

This Activity Sheet is one of a series of six. Use it to help you find out more about Medieval Ireland and meet some of the people who lived there.



1.

To start... Find the model of Lady Margaret Butler in the centre of the exhibition room.

Lady Margaret Butler lived at the end of the Middle Ages. She was married to Sir Piers Butler, one of the most powerful Anglo-Norman lords, whose castle was at Kilkenny. This dress is copied from a statue that was put on her grave after her death.

Look and Describe: What is Lady Margaret wearing?

Draw a design from her dress or head covering

2.

You are invited to **A Medieval Feast.**

Imagine you are a guest at Kilkenny Castle, and are to join Lady Margaret and Sir Piers for a meal.

Look for the Display Case called **The Lordly Table.** Before you start to eat, you must collect some things. Look for them in the case, and circle the names when you find them

Knife	Spoon	Jug
Mether	Candlestick	Bowl

Which of these is not used at meals today?
Write your answer here:

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Fact
Did you notice? You couldn't find any forks or plates. This was because forks were not used in Medieval Ireland. People ate with knives, spoons, and fingers! Instead of using a plate, people cut a thick slices of bread, and put their food on them. At the end of the meal these slices of bread were gathered up and given to the poor.

3.

Rings and Things

Many of the guests, both men and women, are wearing jewellery. Look for the display case called **Jewellery and Adornment**

What piece of Jewellery would you choose to wear?
Draw it here:



4.

When the feast is over some guests play Board Games.

Find the Display Case called **Games and Hunting**

Look for these pieces.
What games were they used for?

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2.

Other guests listen to Music or Poetry. Find the Display Case called **Music and Poetry**

What musical instrument was most popular in Medieval Ireland?
Write your answer here:

Which activity would you prefer?