



Find out about what people wore in the past

Look at the display of clothing from the 1930s.

The men, women, and children on the Aran Islands continued to wear traditional clothing - homemade woolen garments, knitted jumpers, caps, and shoes known as 'pampooties'.



Can you see the clothes the young girl and boy are wearing?
How are the clothes similar to what you are wearing today? How are they different?

Similar _____ Different _____

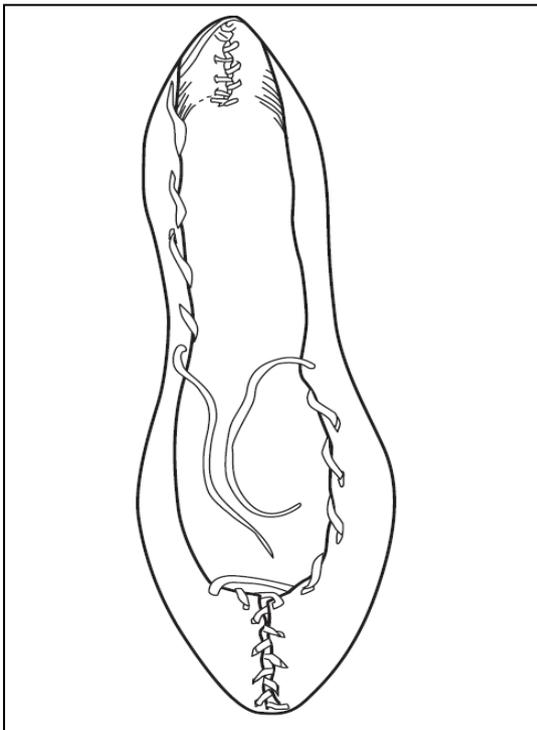
Can you see the shoes?

Shoes like these were still worn on the Aran Islands until about 40 years ago. They were made of animal skin or seal skin. They were made by people themselves. Circle the words you would use to describe these pampooties?

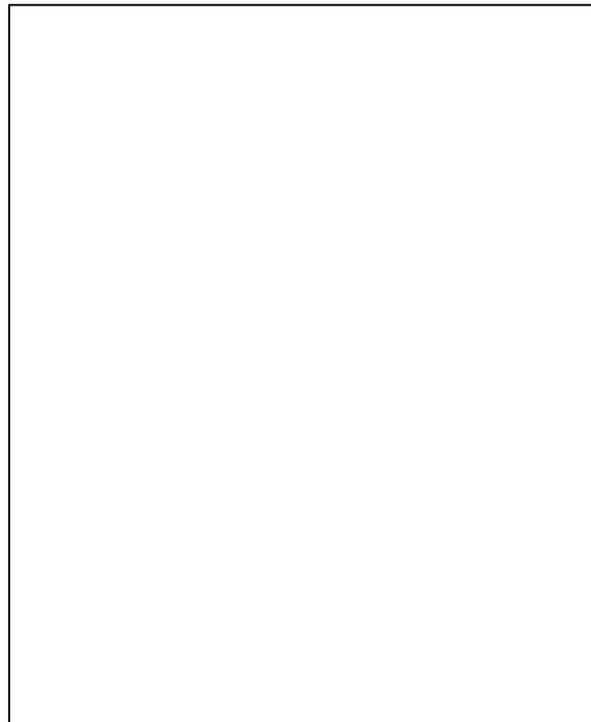
Comfortable Warm Expensive Homemade Fashionable

Look carefully at your own shoes. What are they made of? _____

Aran Island Shoe



Now draw an outline of your own shoe here.



Turn over the page

Colouring Activity Worksheet. We recommend adult help with the reading!



Now look at the shawl.

Women wore these heavy, warm woolen shawls instead of coats. They were very expensive to buy and were passed down from mothers to daughters. Are you wearing anything that was passed on to you from another member of your family? **Yes / No**

Galway shawls were made in Scotland. Do you know where your coat or jumper was made? (You can check the label to find out). _____

Galway shawls were woven using mainly brown and cream wool with touches of green and red. You can choose any colours you like to colour in this Galway shawl pattern.

Shawl Pattern



You can try weaving a pattern and find out more about weaving on Level C.

If you enjoyed this activity, you might like to do some more colouring at home. The museum colouring book is available from the bookshop.

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