

RIDDLES in the MUSEUM

The Treasury exhibition at the National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology displays some of the most iconic and famous objects from Ireland, including the **'Tara' Brooch**, the **Ardagh Chalice** and the **Broighter Hoard**. All of the objects date from the 1st century BC in the Iron Age, to the 12th century AD in Medieval Ireland.

These objects help to tell the story of how peoples' **religion** and **beliefs** changed in Ireland during this time.



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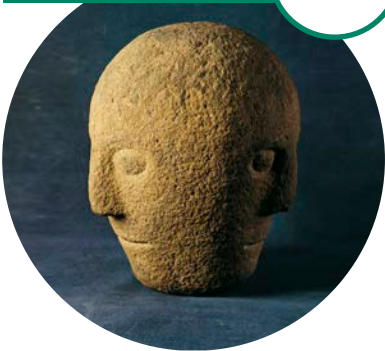
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Archaeology



Below are pictures of **eight objects** that can be seen in **The Treasury** exhibition in the Museum. On the next page are **eight riddles** about these objects. Can you work out which riddle is about which object, and write the answer in the blank spaces underneath? (We've also included how many letters are in each word to help you)

1. Corleck Head



2. Broighter Collar



5. Donore Handle



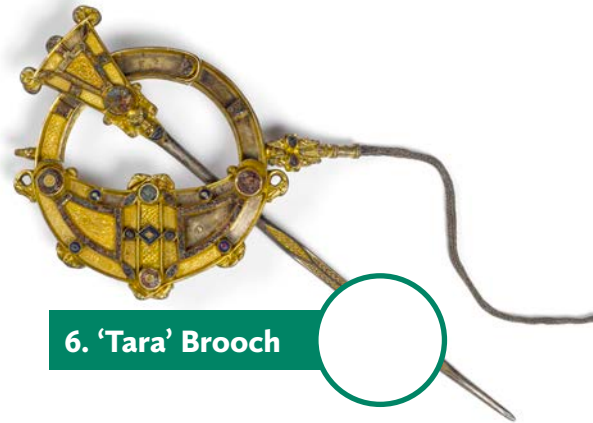
3. Broighter Boat



4. Monasterevin Disc



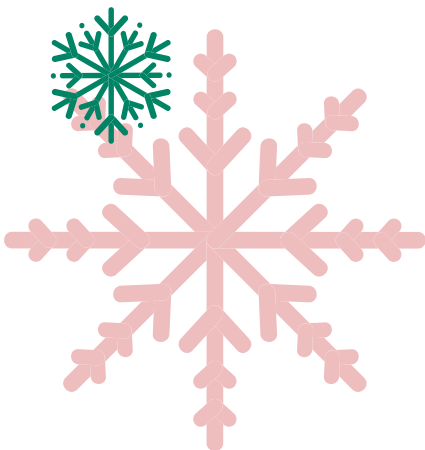
6. 'Tara' Brooch



7. Mullamast Stone



8. Saint Patrick's Bell



A

Sail me on a lake of blue with golden oars,
but where's the crew?

9/4

E

With raised up spirals, I'm bronze and round,
A town in the Midlands, is where I was found

12/4

B

I could ring at Christmas, and peal my sound,
But it's our Patron Saint, with whom I'm bound

5/8/4

F

A ring of silver, with pin to hold,
An Irish treasure, I gleam with gold

4/6

C

With spiral swirls I was carved with care,
Re-used over time, then found in Kildare

9/5

G

Worn round your neck, I'm made of gold,
Found by the shore, I'm very old

9/6

D

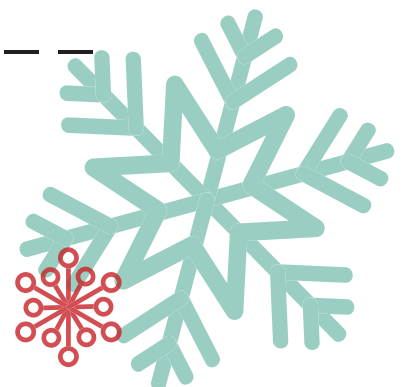
Which way am I looking? Could be here or there
I'm made from sandstone, and I have no hair

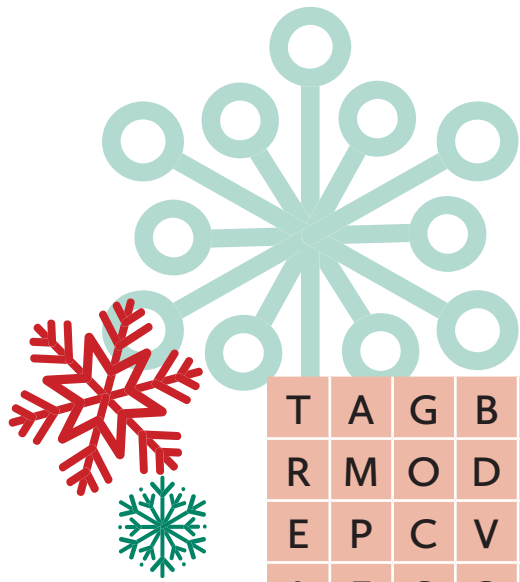
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H

Knock knock, open wide
With a lion bronze, that's brown-glass eyed

6/6





Can you find all the words listed below?
They are all hidden separately in the grid
- vertically, horizontally or diagonally

GOOD LUCK!

T	A	G	B	R	O	O	C	H	U	E	O	M	S	F	R	J	D	U	C
R	M	O	D	T	I	N	W	E	S	B	P	T	U	L	A	I	T	K	O
E	P	C	V	W	H	E	A	D	K	U	R	T	O	S	H	E	C	A	L
A	F	S	O	N	K	R	P	C	I	V	B	O	D	M	E	T	G	U	L
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U	H	B	A	O	L	L	A	Q	I	D	S	F	N	G	O	C	M	U	R
R	U	S	M	A	H	E	G	M	D	O	T	E	R	V	H	B	I	W	P
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C	I	H	S	K	L	O	F	G	M	E	D	O	L	O	K	O	R	B	N
M	O	N	A	S	T	E	R	E	V	I	N	S	I	E	P	J	D	A	I
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| CORLECK | HEAD | DONORE | HANDLE |
| BROIGHTER | COLLAR | MULLAMAST | STONE |
| BOAT | SAINT | PATRICKS | BELL |
| MONASTEREVIN | DISC | TARA | BROOCH |
| ARDAGH | CHALICE | TREASURY | MUSEUM |

Now, why not check our 3D viewer of The Treasury Exhibition on the Museum's website and see if you can find all of the objects in this activity.

<https://www.museum.ie/en-IE/Museums/Archaeology/Exhibitions/The-Treasury>