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National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology

For some artefacts, images of smaller details will be included. These detail images will be accompanied by the name of the artefact and time period it was produced.

As the NMI houses a vast collection spanning a significant period of time, only images that are most relevant to the Leaving Certificate Art History curriculum have been included.

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National Museum of Ireland – Archaeology

Time periods covered:

Neolithic Ireland	4000 - 2500 BC
Bronze Age Ireland	2500 - 500 BC
Iron Age Ireland	500 BC - 400 AD
Early Medieval Ireland	400 - 1200 AD
Viking Ireland	795 - 1100 AD
Medieval Ireland	1100 - 1550 AD

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Ground Floor Plan

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Prehistoric Ireland

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Temporary Exhibition

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Ór - Ireland's Gold

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The Treasury

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Kingship & Sacrifice

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Temporary Exhibition

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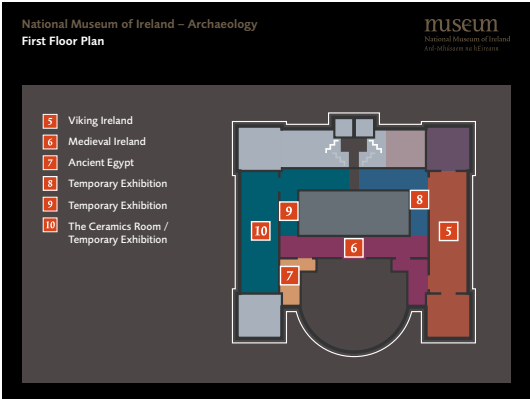
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### Gold Lunula

**Drumbanagher,  
Co. Monaghan**

Early Bronze Age, c. 2000 BC.  
Exhibition: *Or - Ireland's Gold*,  
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Image:  
Highlighting decoration by incision  
on right tapered side

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### Gold Lunula and pair of gold discs



**Coggalbeg,  
Co. Roscommon**

Early Bronze Age, c. 2200-  
1800 BC. Exhibition: *Or -  
Ireland's Gold*, Ground Floor

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### Gold Lunula

**Coggalbeg,  
Co. Roscommon**

Early Bronze Age,  
c. 2200-1800 BC.  
Exhibition: *Or - Ireland's Gold*,  
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**Pair of Gold Discs**

Tedavnet,  
Co. Monaghan

Early Bronze Age,  
c. 2200-1800 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
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**Pair of Gold Discs**

Tedavnet, Co. Monaghan

Early Bronze Age,  
c. 2200-2000 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
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Image:  
reverse of gold discs

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**The Derrinboy Hoard**

Derrinboy, Co. Offaly

Middle Bronze Age,  
c. 1740-1450 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
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Image:  
Hoard containing a gold and leather  
necklet, two gold armlets, two gold hair  
rings, and a copper wire

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Two Gold Armlets, part of hoard



Derrinboy,  
Co. Offaly

Middle Bronze  
Age, c. 1740-  
1450 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
Ground Floor

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Hoard containing two gold torcs



Tara, Co. Meath

Middle Bronze Age,  
c. 1200-1000 BC.  
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Four gold rings

Tullydonnell, Co. Donegal



Middle to Late  
Bronze Age,  
c. 1300-800 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
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### Gold Collar (Gorget)

Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,  
c. 800-700 BC.  
Exhibition: *Or - Ireland's Gold*,  
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### Gold Collar (Gorget)

Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,  
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Image left: close-up  
of circular disc

Image right: close-up  
of central band

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### Gold Collar (Gorget)

Gleninsheen, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,  
c. 800-700 BC.  
Exhibition: *Or - Ireland's Gold*,  
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Image left: reverse  
of gold disc at the  
terminal

Image right: detail  
of stitching of disc to  
central band

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Pair of gold Ear-Spools

Near Mullingar, Co. Westmeath



Late Bronze Age,  
c. 800-700 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór -  
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The Gorteenreagh Hoard

Gorteenreagh, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,  
c. 800-700 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór -  
Ireland's Gold*,  
Ground Floor

Image:  
Hoard contains gold  
collar (torc), two gold  
ear-spools (left), two  
gold lock rings (right), two  
gold bracelets (left), and  
a small gold fastener

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Gold Lock Rings

Gorteenreagh, Co. Clare



Late Bronze Age,  
c. 800-700 BC.  
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**Gold Dress-Fastener**

Near Clones,  
Co. Monaghan

Late Bronze Age, c.800-700 BC.  
Exhibition: *Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
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Top image: top of dress-fastener  
Bottom image: underside of dress-fastener

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**Gold foil-covered lead Bullae**

front and reverse



Late Bronze Age,  
c.800-700 BC.  
Exhibition:  
*Ór - Ireland's Gold*,  
Ground Floor

From left (front and reverse):  
Bog of Allen, Co. Kildare;  
Adams Ballymore, Co. Tipperary;  
River Ban, Co. Antrim;  
Kinnegoe, Co. Antrim;  
unknown locality, Ireland

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**Carved Stone Head**

Corleck Hill, Co. Cavan

Early Iron Age,  
1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,  
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**Bronze Horn**

Loughnashade, Co. Armagh



Early Iron Age,  
1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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**Bronze Horn**

Loughnashade, Co. Armagh



Early Iron Age,  
1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition:  
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Image left: detail of rivets  
Image right: detail of  
decoration on disc

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**Bronze horned head-dress  
known as the Petrie Crown**



Find location  
unknown

Early Iron Age,  
2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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Sacrifice*,  
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### Bronze horned head-dress known as the Petrie Crown



**Find location**  
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Early Iron Age,  
2<sup>nd</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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**Image:**  
detail on discs

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### The Broighter Hoard

Broighter, Co. Derry



Early Iron Age,  
1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,  
Ground Floor

Hoard contains:  
gold boat, gold  
collar, two gold neck  
ornaments, two gold  
chains, and a gold collar

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### Gold Collar

Broighter,  
Co. Derry



Early Iron Age,  
1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
Ground Floor

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**Gold Collar**    Broughtier, Co. Derry



Early Iron Age, 1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: detail of La Tène decoration

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**Gold Collar**  
Broughtier, Co. Derry

Early Iron Age, 1<sup>st</sup> century BC.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Images showing the 'Y-shaped' locking device

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**Penannular brooch known as the 'Tara' Brooch**



Bettystown, Co. Meath

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

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**Penannular brooch known as the ‘Tara’ Brooch**



**Bettystown, Co. Meath**

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image left: detail of terminal  
Image right: detail of stylized snake

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**Penannular brooch known as the ‘Tara’ Brooch**



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Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image: detail of decoration on head of the pin

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**Penannular brooch known as the ‘Tara’ Brooch**



**Bettystown, Co. Meath**

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image left: back of brooch  
Image right: detail of terminal on the back of the brooch

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### The Ardagh Hoard

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
Ground Floor

Image: Hoard contains a silver chalice, a bronze chalice, and four gold silver brooches

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### Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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### Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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Image: detail on handles

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### Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: detail of stem

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### Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Top image: detail of stem  
Bottom image: detail of underside of chalice

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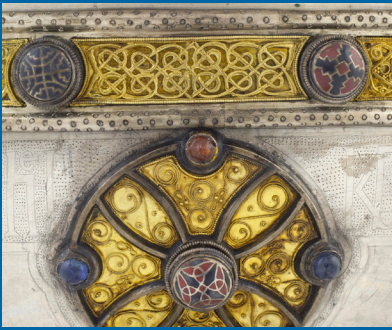
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### Silver Chalice

Ardagh, Co. Limerick



Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: detail of front of chalice including cross, gold figures, and enamel bosses

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### The Derrynaflan Hoard

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,  
Ground Floor

Image: hoard containing a silver chalice, a silver paten with stand, a bronze paten, and bronze basin

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### Silver Paten

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland,  
8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*,  
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### Silver Paten and Bronze Stand

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Derrynaflan,  
Co. Tipperary

Early Medieval Ireland,  
8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
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### Silver Paten



**Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary**

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Both images showing details of gold filigree and enamel studs on top of paten

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### Silver Paten



**Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary**

Early Medieval Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Both images showing details of enamel and gold foil clasp on edge of paten

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### Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland, 9<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

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### Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland, 9<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: side view of chalice showing detail of handle

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### Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland, 9<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Top image: detail of underside of chalice  
Bottom image: detail of stem

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### Silver Chalice

Derrynaflan, Co. Tipperary



Early Medieval Ireland, 9<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: detail of rim on foot of the chalice

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### Bronze and Silver Belt Shrine



**Maylough,  
Co. Sligo**

Early Medieval  
Ireland,  
8<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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### Bronze Crucifixion Plaque



**St. John's  
Rinnagan,  
Co. Roscommon**

Early Medieval  
Ireland,  
9<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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Image left:  
front of plaque

Image right:  
back of plaque

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### Crosier

Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly



Medieval  
Ireland,  
11<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
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### Crosier

Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly



Medieval  
Ireland, 11<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image left: side view  
Image middle: details of drop  
Image right: detail of figure on drop

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### St. Patrick's Bell and Bell Shrine



Armagh,  
Co. Armagh

Medieval  
Ireland, 6-8th century and  
c.1100 AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image left: St. Patrick's  
Bell, 6th-8th century  
Image right: St. Patrick's  
Bell Shrine, c. 1100 AD.

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### St. Patrick's Bell Shrine



Armagh,  
Co. Armagh

Medieval  
Ireland, 6-8th century and  
c.1100 AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury, Ground Floor*

Image left: right-hand  
side of bell shrine  
Image right: left-hand  
side of bell shrine

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### St. Patrick's Bell Shrine



Armagh,  
Co. Armagh

Medieval  
Ireland, 6-8th  
century and  
c.1100 AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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Image left:  
back of bell shrine

Image top right:  
front of handle

Image bottom right:  
back of handle

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### Shrine of St. Lachtin's Arm



Donaghmore,  
Co. Cork

Medieval  
Ireland, c. 1120  
AD. Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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Image left: front of shrine

Image middle: back of  
shrine

Image right: detail of  
lower section of shrine

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### The Cross of Cong



Cong, Co. Mayo

Medieval Ireland, Early 12<sup>th</sup>  
century AD. Exhibition:  
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### The Cross of Cong

Cong, Co. Mayo

Medieval Ireland, Early 12<sup>th</sup> century AD. Exhibition: *The Treasury*, Ground Floor

Image: detail of centre of cross

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### The Cross of Cong



Cong,  
Co. Mayo

Medieval  
Ireland, Early  
12<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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Image left: detail of arm  
of cross on the front  
Image right: edge of  
the cross

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### The Cross of Cong



Cong,  
Co. Mayo

Medieval  
Ireland, Early  
12<sup>th</sup> century AD.  
Exhibition:  
*The Treasury*,  
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Image left: arm of  
cross on the reverse  
Image right: detail of  
gripping beast at the  
bottom of the cross

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