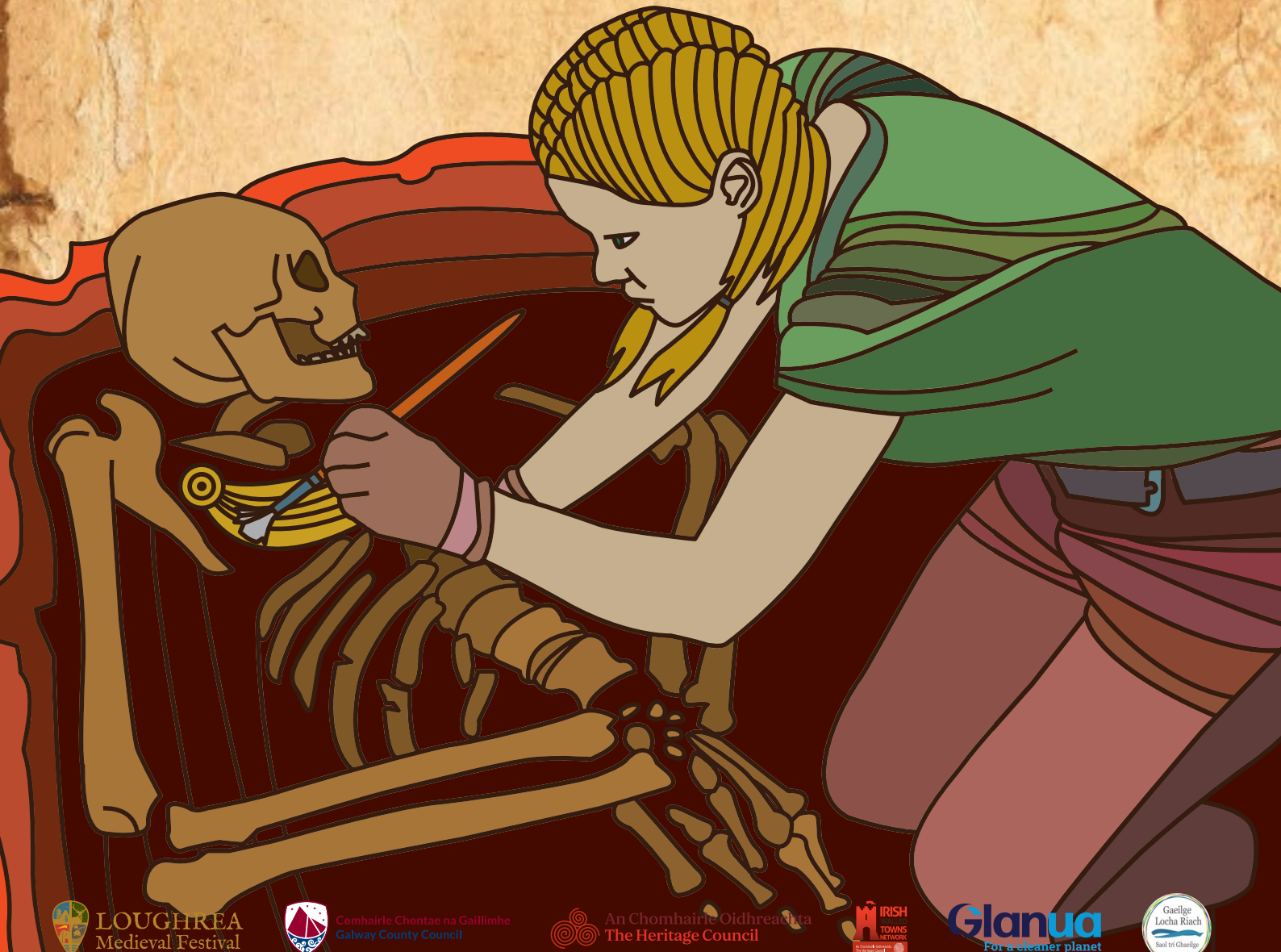


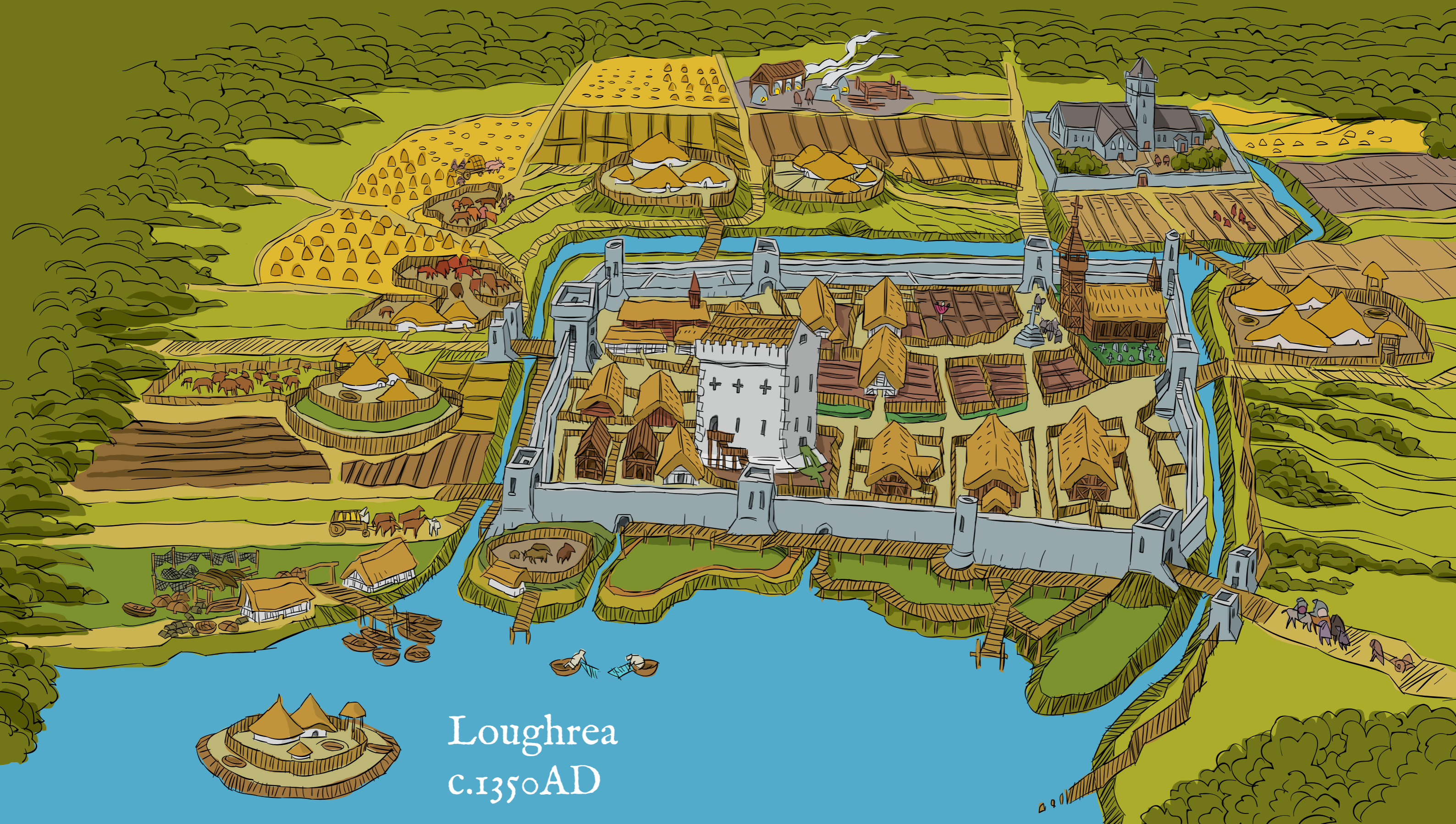


LOUGHREA  
Medieval Festival

LEARN-CONNECT-CELEBRATE  
OUR MEDIEVAL PAST

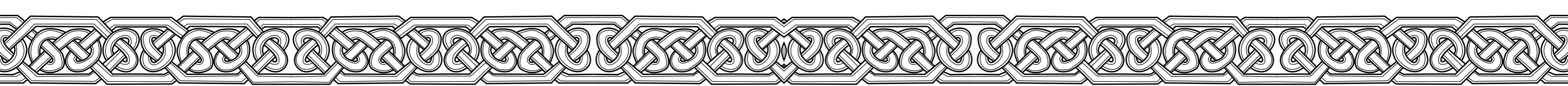
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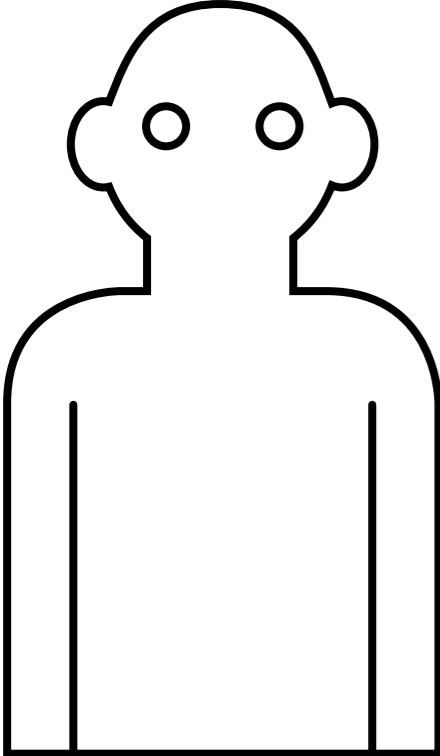


Loughrea  
c.1350AD





# My Medieval Persona



My name is: .....

My occupation is: .....

I come from County: .....

In the country of: .....

I speak: .....

I was born on: .....

I am ..... years old

Today is: .....

# My Life Story

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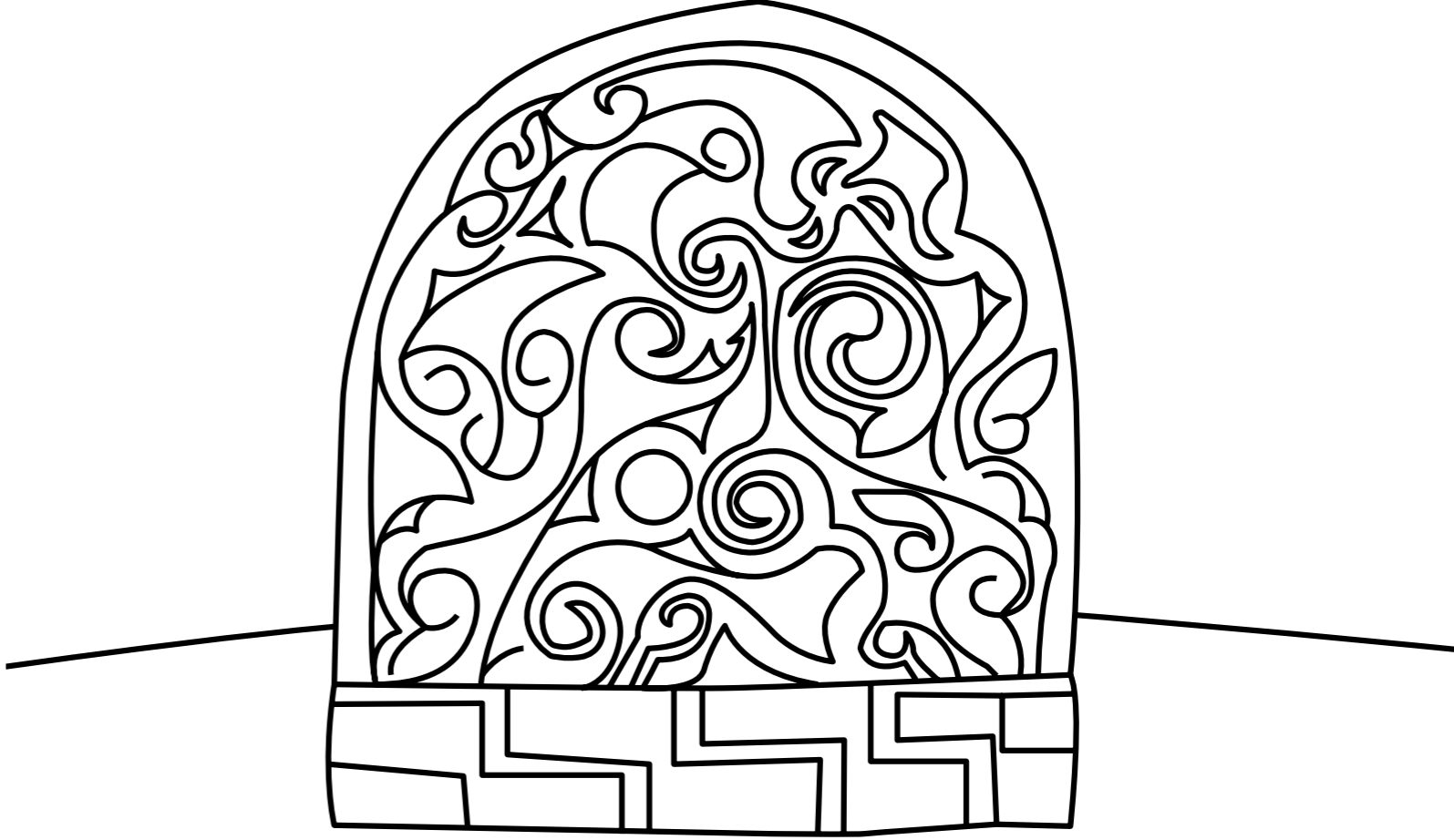
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# The Turoe Stone

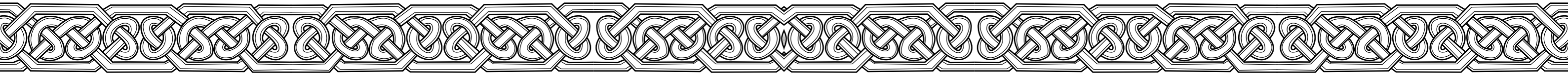
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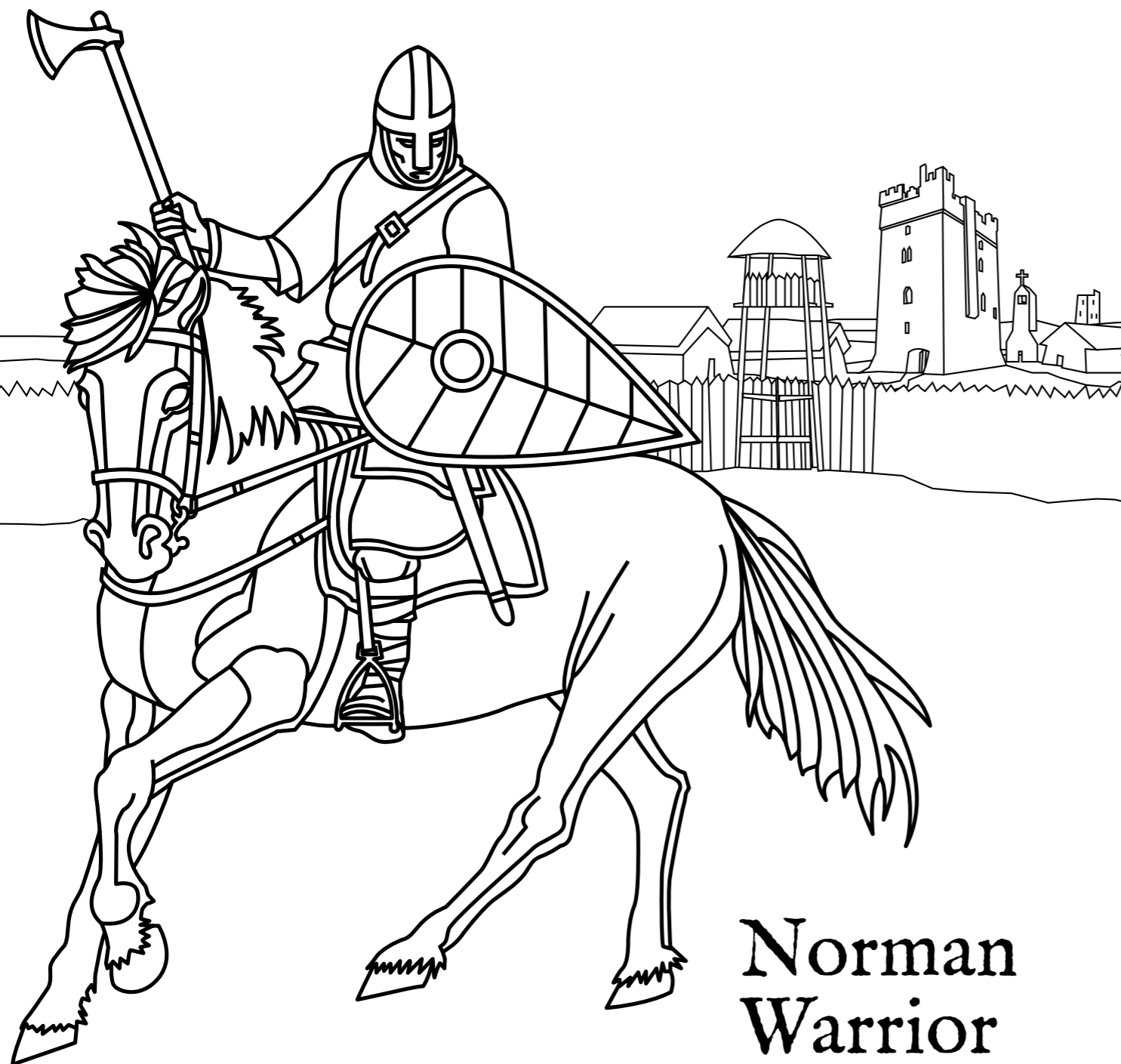
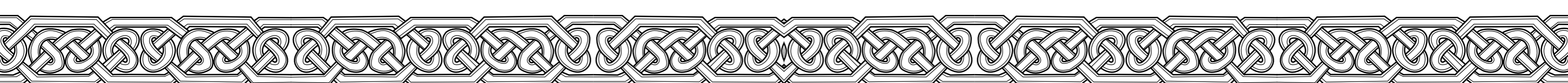


# COLOUR ME IN..

THE TUROE STONE IS A GRANITE STONE DECORATED IN A CELTIC 'LA TÈNE' STYLE LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BULLAUN, COUNTY GALWAY, IRELAND, 6 KM NORTH OF LOUGHREA. IT PROBABLY DATES TO ABOUT THE PERIOD 100 BC TO 100 AD. THE RELIGIOUS OR CEREMONIAL PURPOSES OF THE STONE ARE SADLY LOST IN TIME. AS THE NORMANS FROM BRITAIN INVADDED IRELAND, MANY SLOWLY BEGAN TO ADOPT THE GAELIC IRISH CUSTOMS AND LAWS THAT EXISTED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, EVENTUALLY BECOMING MORE IRISH THAN THE IRISH THEMSELVES!

THE TUROE STONE IS A NATIONAL MONUMENT OF IRELAND.





**Norman  
Warrior**

## COLOUR ME IN...

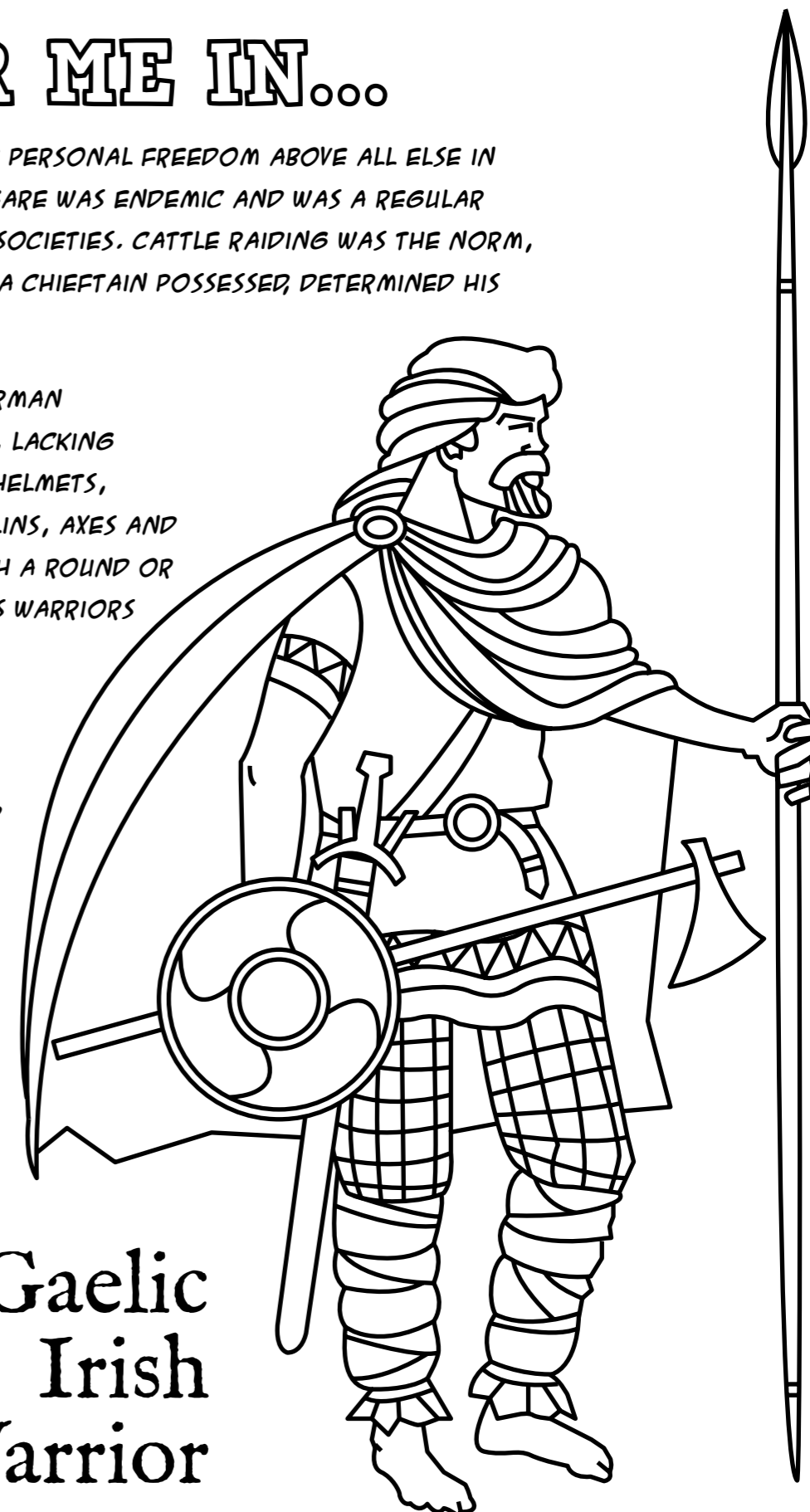
FROM THE 12TH CENTURY ONWARDS, GROUPS OF NORMANS, WITH THEIR FAMILIES, INVADED AND SETTLED IN GAELIC IRELAND. THESE SETTLERS LATER BECAME KNOWN AS NORMAN IRISH OR HIBERNO-NORMANS. THEY ORIGINATED MAINLY AMONG ANGLO-NORMAN FAMILIES FROM ENGLAND AND WALES, AND WERE LOYAL TO THE KINGDOM OF ENGLAND. LOUGHREA WAS FOUNDED IN 1236 BY THE NORMAN KNIGHT RICHARD DE BURGO. MANY PEOPLE IN IRELAND STILL CARRY HIS NAME 'BURKE' TO THIS DAY.

## COLOUR ME IN...

THE GAELIC PEOPLES PRIZED PERSONAL FREEDOM ABOVE ALL ELSE IN THEIR CULTURE. TRIBAL WARFARE WAS ENDEMIC AND WAS A REGULAR FEATURE OF GAELIC CELTIC SOCIETIES. CATTLE RAIDING WAS THE NORM, AS THE AMOUNT OF CATTLE A CHIEFTAIN POSSESSED, DETERMINED HIS WEALTH.

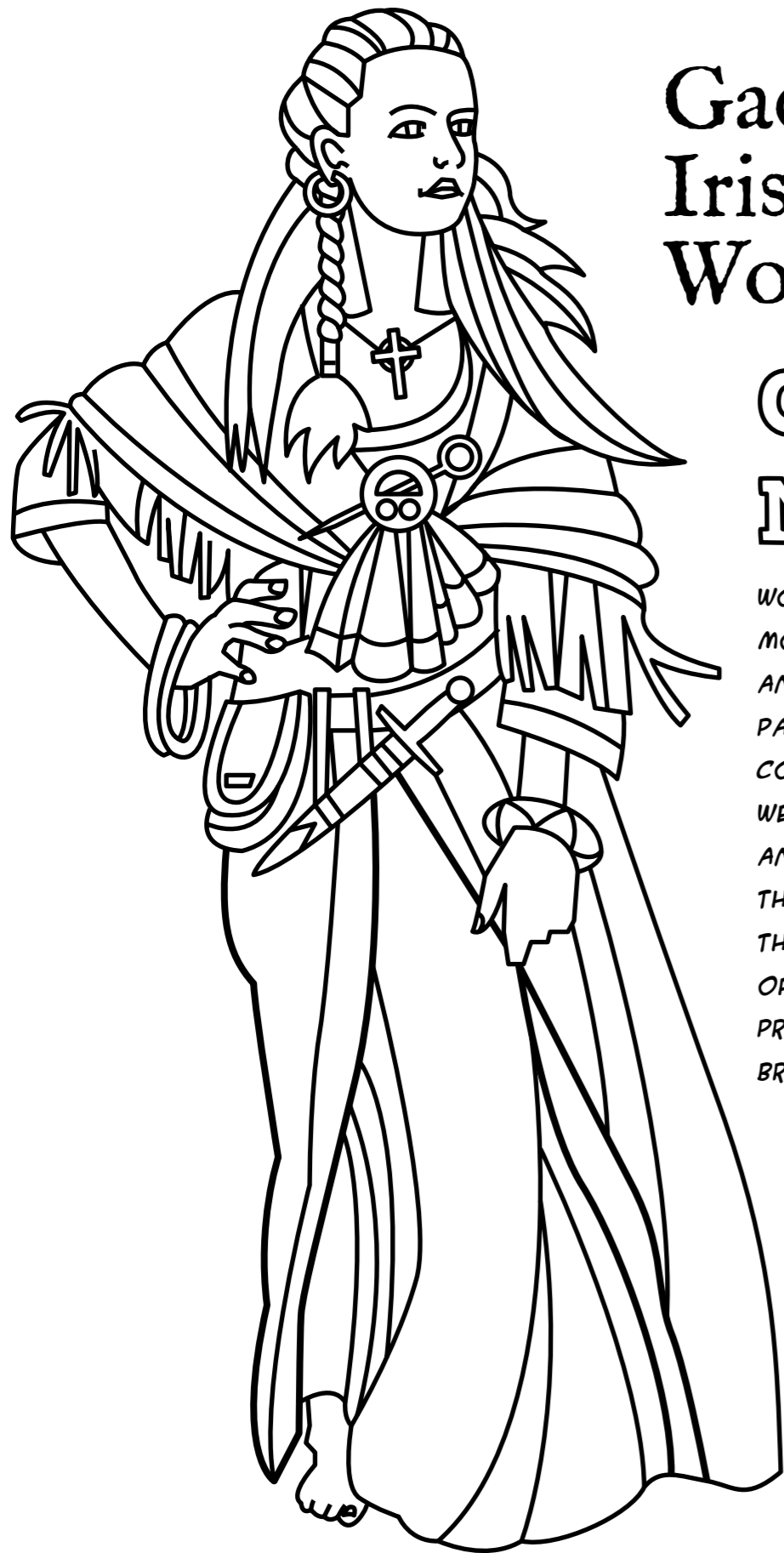
DURING THE VIKING AND NORMAN INVASIONS, IRISH WARRIORS, LACKING METAL ARMOUR INCLUDING HELMETS, FOUGHT WITH SPEARS, JAVELINS, AXES AND PROTECTED THEMSELVES WITH A ROUND OR OVAL SHIELD. HIGHER STATUS WARRIORS WOULD ALSO HAVE SWORDS.

THE IRISH WAR AXE WAS CALLED A 'TUATHA CATHA' AND WAS HELD AND WIELDED MUCH THE SAME WAY AS A MODERN HURLEY IS USED TODAY. THE IRISH WARRIORS WERE RENOWNED FOR THEIR FATAL DEXTERITY WITH THE TUATHA CATHA.



**Gaelic  
Irish  
Warrior**



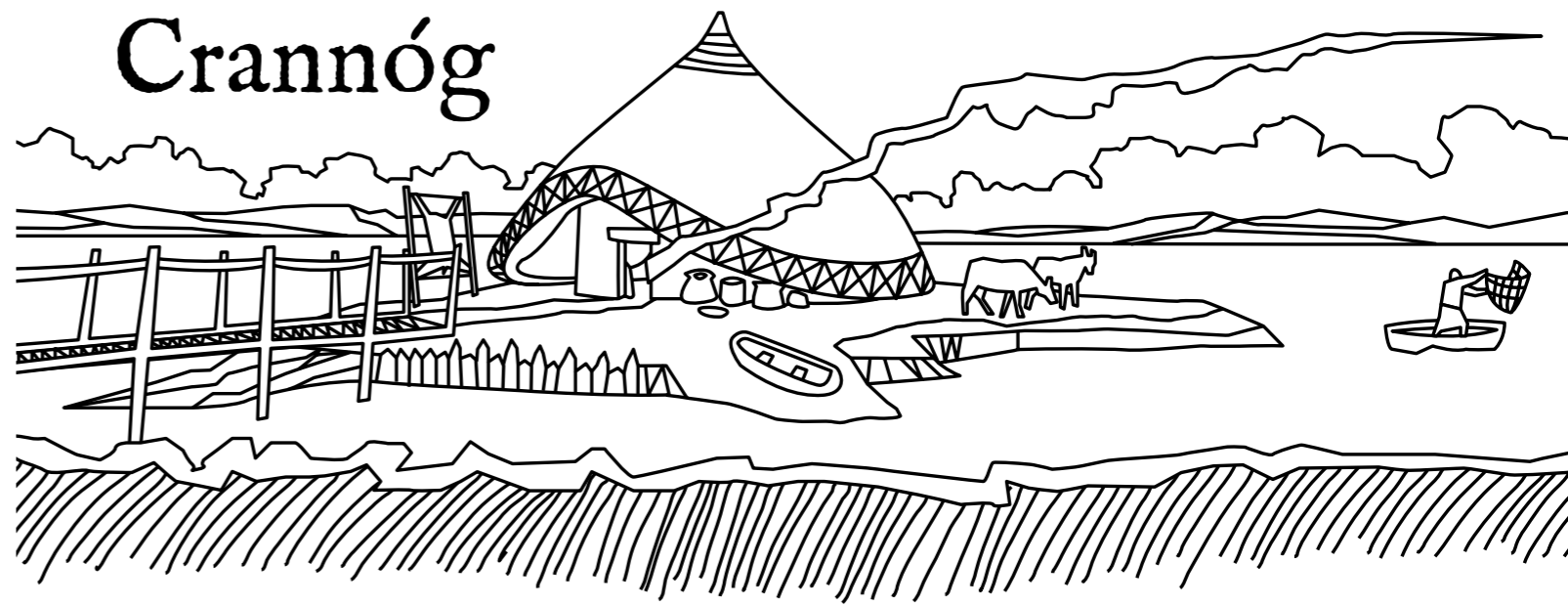


## Gaelic Irish Woman

### COLOUR ME IN...

*WOMEN IN GAELIC SOCIETY HAD MORE PERSONAL, CIVIL FREEDOMS AND POWER, THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN NORMAN SOCIETY. THEY COULD OWN LAND, CREATE THEIR OWN WEALTH, DIVORCE THEIR HUSBANDS AND EVEN BRING THEIR HUSBANDS TO THE BREHON COURTS TO DEMAND THEIR FAIR SHARE. THE RIGHTS OF GAELIC IRISH WOMEN WERE PROTECTED BY THE ANCIENT IRISH BREHON LAWS.*

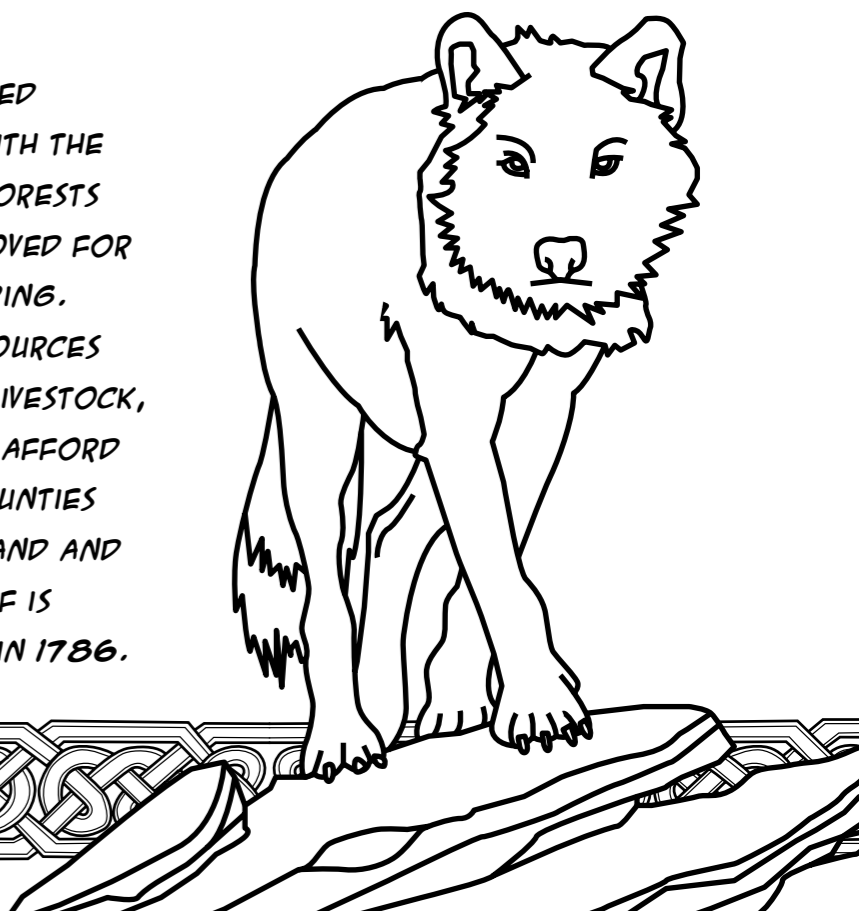
## Crannóg



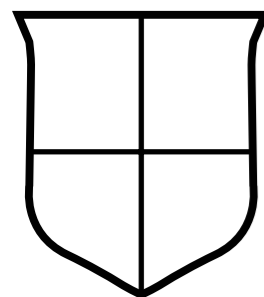
### COLOUR ME IN...

*A CRANNÓG WAS A MAN MADE ISLAND BUILT USUALLY ON AN INLAND LAKE. THE OFF-SHORE LOCATION GAVE THE INHABITANTS AND THEIR PRECIOUS LIVESTOCK, PROTECTION FROM WOLVES AND ALSO FROM HOSTILE NEIGHBOURS. FIRSTLY THE BUILDERS WOULD DRIVE LONG OAK POSTS INTO THE LAKE BED, ARRANGING THEM INTO A CIRCLE, THEN INFILLING THE CENTRE OF THE STRUCTURE WITH ROCKS AND THEN CLAY AND EARTH. ROUND HOUSES WOULD THEN BE BUILT ON THE NEW ISLAND STRUCTURE AND SOMETIMES A BRIDGE TO CONNECT TO THE SHORE. PEOPLE LIVED ON CRANNÓGS UNTIL AS RECENTLY AS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES.*

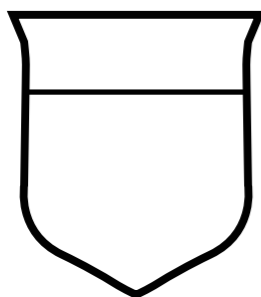
**WOLVES** IN IRELAND WERE REVERED AND FEARED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NORMANS THE HUGE OAK FORESTS THAT COVERED IRELAND WERE SLOWLY REMOVED FOR MORE INTENSE AGRICULTURE AND SHIP BUILDING. THE WOLVES NATURAL HABITAT AND FOOD SOURCES WERE DESTROYED, FORCING THEM TO HUNT LIVESTOCK, WHICH MANY ORDINARY PEOPLE COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOOSE. WOLVES BECAME HATED AND BOUNTIES WERE PLACED ON THEIR HEADS TO RID IRELAND AND EUROPE OF THEIR PRESENCE. THE LAST WOLF IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN IRELAND IN 1786.



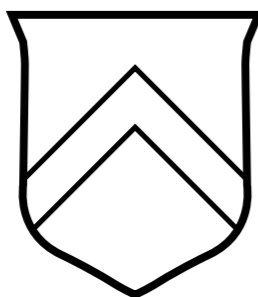
# COLOUR ME IN... Coats-of-Arms



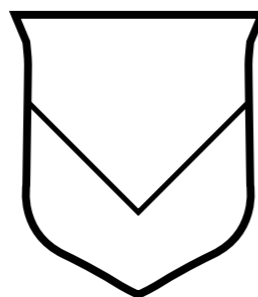
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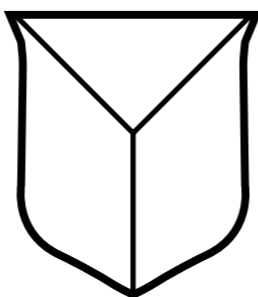
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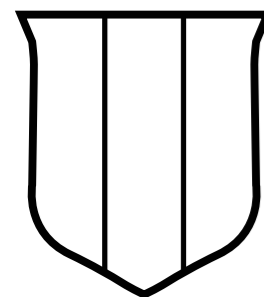
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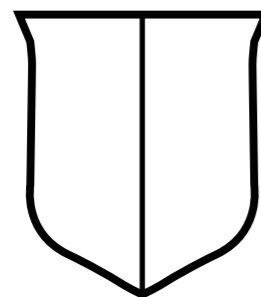
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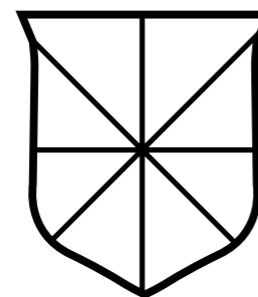
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or Pall



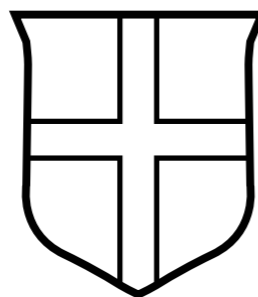
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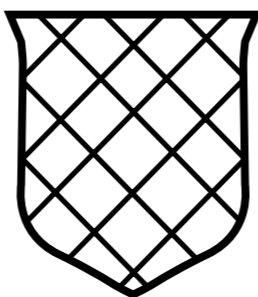
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per pale



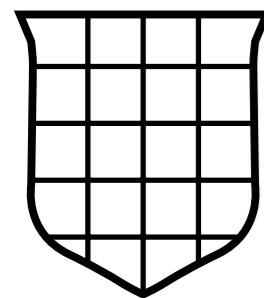
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or Eight



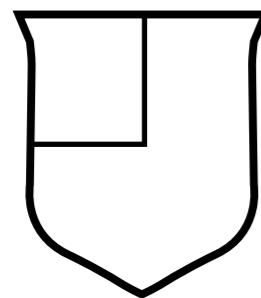
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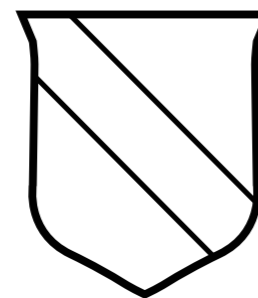
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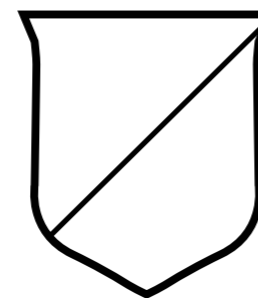
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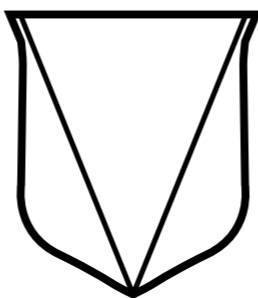
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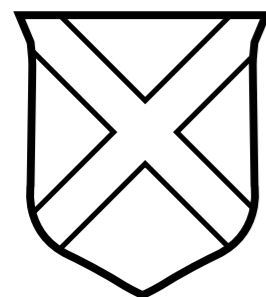
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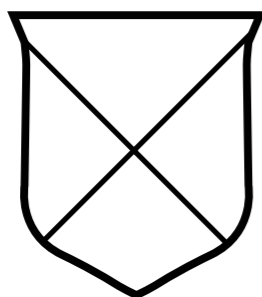
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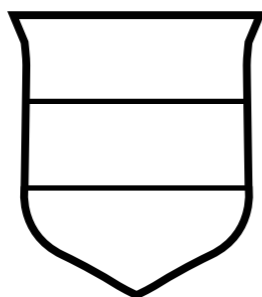
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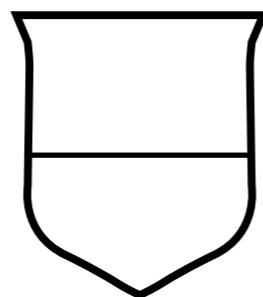
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Party  
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Cross



Shakefork  
or Pall



Bend



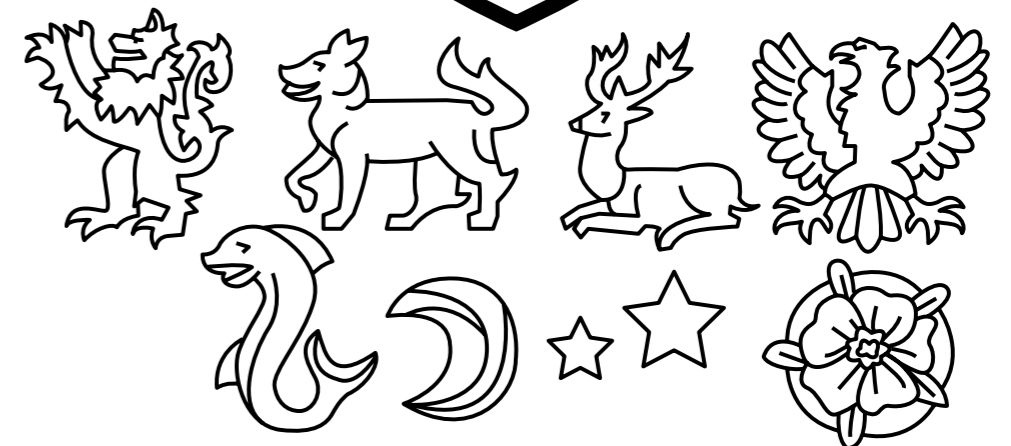
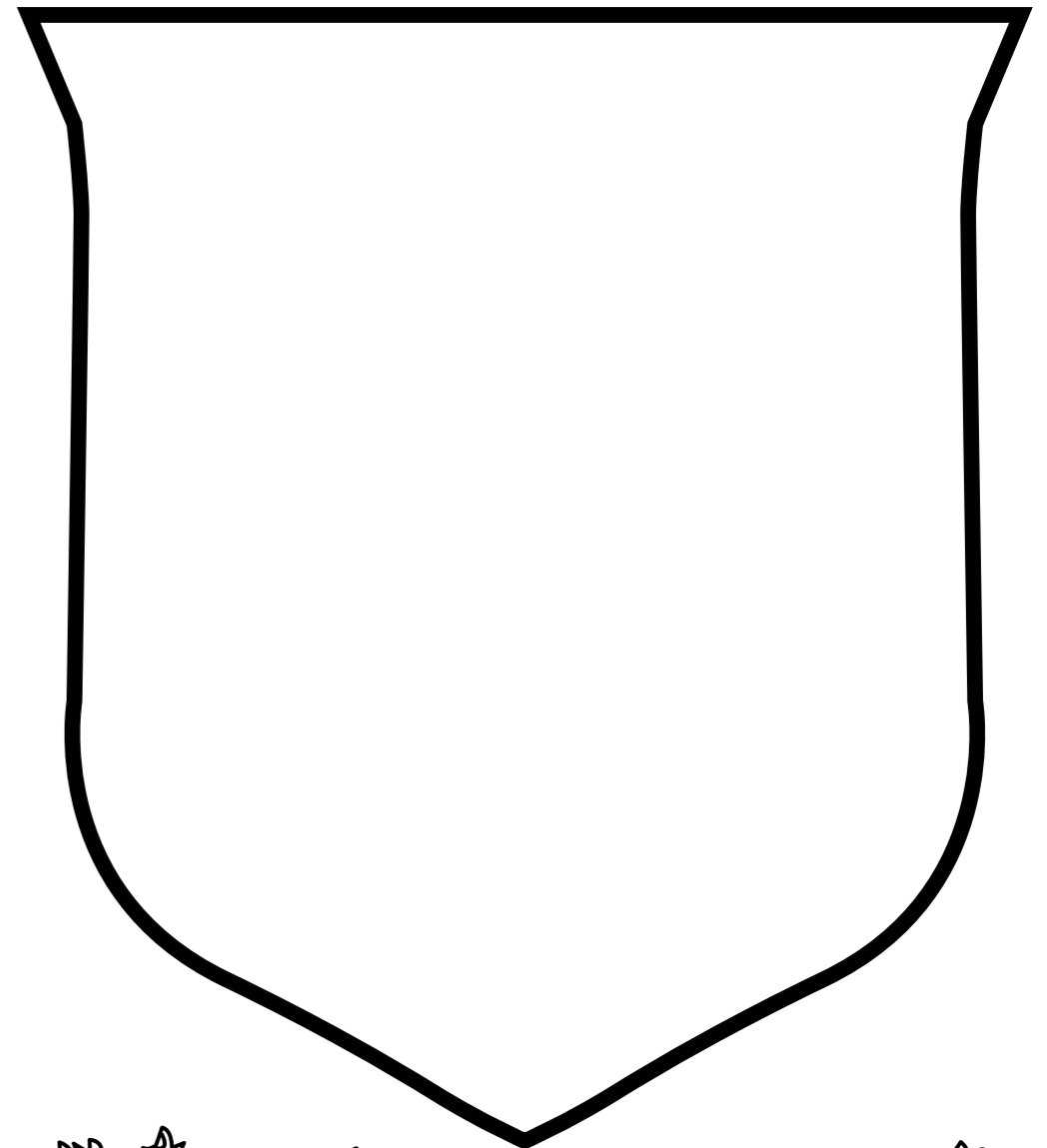
Saltire



Pale

## Coat-of-Arms

DESIGN AND COLOUR YOUR OWN MEDIEVAL SHIELD TO PROTECT YOU  
AND BE RECOGNISED BY YOUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS,  
AS YOU TAKE TO THE FIELD OF BATTLE.



# WORD SEARCH

H	A	R	E	A	A	T	B	D	V
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L	O	U	G	H	R	E	A	B	K
C	R	A	N	N	O	G	T	U	I
F	M	B	O	T	S	B	H	R	N
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## Across

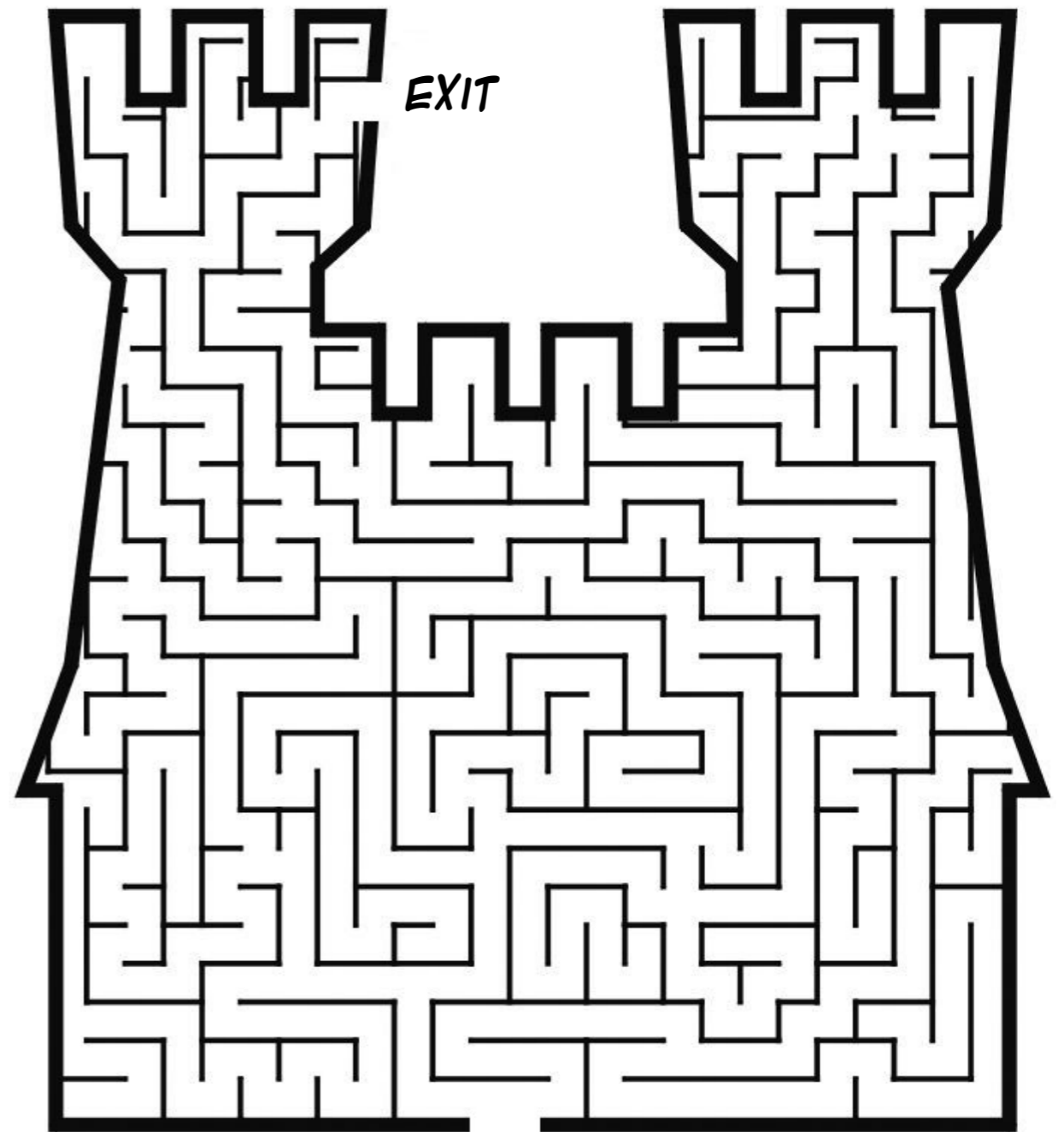
- A. WHICH TOWN IS OLDER? LOUGHREA OR GALWAY?
- B. A MAN-MADE DWELLING BUILT ON A LAKE FOR PROTECTION
- C. LOUGHREA TOWN WAS BUILT BY THE NORMANS ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF LOUGH ...
- D. AN ANCIENT FORM OF CURRENCY AND WEALTH, OFTEN FOUGHT OVER
- E. A LETHAL WEAPON USED BY THE IRISH SIMILAR TO THE HURLEY

## Down

- F. THE NORMANS ORIGINATED IN N.....Y, FRANCE
- G. THE NORMANS DECENDED FROM THE V.....S
- H. A CIRCULAR, FORTIFIED FARMSTEAD
- I. A SYSTEM OF ANCIENT LAWS, PRACTISED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN IRELAND AND EUROPE
- J. A MYSTICAL STONE THAT STILL FASCINATES PEOPLE TODAY
- K. A THROWING WEAPON FAVOURED BY THE IRISH
- L. NORMAN FOUNDER OF THE TOWN OF LOUGHREA

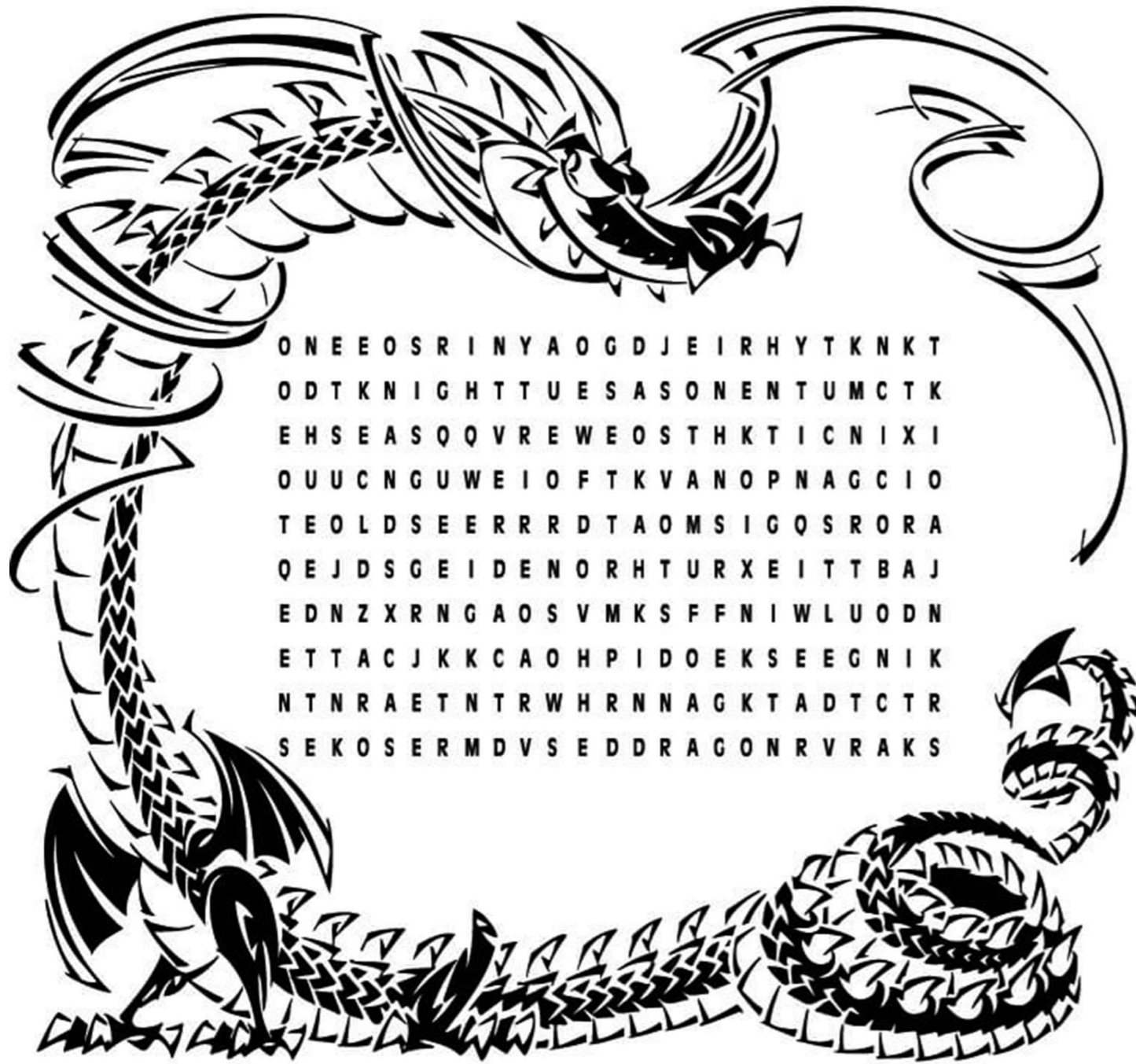
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# CASTLE MAZE



ENTER

# MEDIEVAL



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## WORD LIST

DRAGON	CASTLE	THRONE
KNIGHT	SWORD	MOAT
KING	QUEEN	JOUST

# MEDIEVAL LIFE

## Occupations



## Medieval Occupations included...

- |                     |                               |                         |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Tanners             | Candle Makers<br>(Chandliers) | Innkeepers              | Fruiterers        |
| Road menders        | Cask Makers                   | Sailors                 | Ladies-in-waiting |
| Huntsmen            | Bakers                        | Millers                 | Slaughterers      |
| Slingers            | Painters                      | Plasterers and Painters | Chamber Maids     |
| Fishmongers         | Shipwrights                   | Woodwards               | Dispensers        |
| Priests and Clergy  | Herdsmen                      | Pages                   | Brewers           |
| Soap Makers         | Gold and Silver Smiths        | Porters                 | Cooks             |
| Laundresses Doctors | Cloth Makers                  | Butchers                | Poulterers        |
| Glass makers        | Grooms                        | Brick and Tile Makers   | Cupbearers        |
| Farmers             |                               | Personal Attendants     |                   |

## Word Search Answers

### Across

- A. LOUGHREA
- B. CRANNÓG
- C. REA
- D. CATTLE
- E. AXE

### Down

- F. NORMANDY
- G. VIKINGS
- H. RATH
- I. BREHON
- J. TUROE
- K. SPEAR
- L. DEBURGO



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