

# THIS ACTIVIT BOOK WAS DESIGNED TO COMPLIMENT ANCIENT EXPLORER'S MINI-SERIES, FIONN'S ADVENTURES ON YOUTUBE.

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### WHO WAS FIONN MAC CUMHAILL?

Write a character summary of Fionn mac Cumhaill. Make sure to include details, such as his physical characteristics, who his parents were, and his relationship with the *fianna*, the band of skilled hunter-warriors.

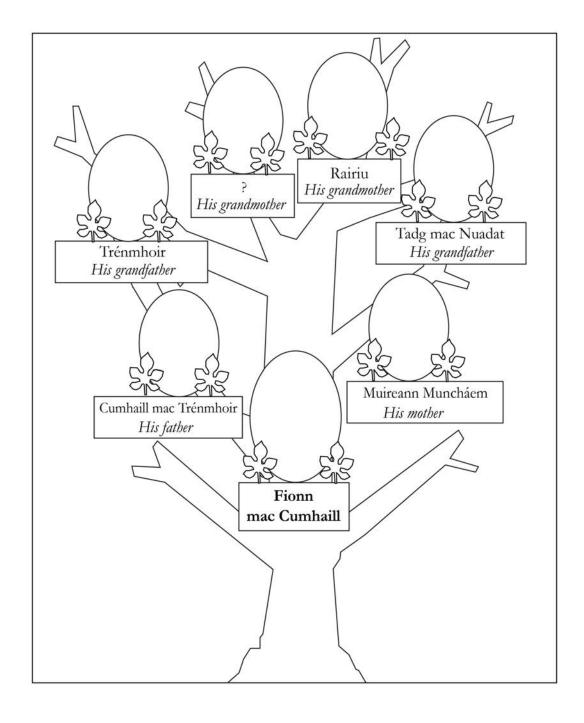
### FIONN MAC CUMHAILL'S PORTRAIT

In the box below, draw a portrait of Fionn.

#### FIONN'S FAMILY TREE

Below is a genealogical tree that describes Fionn mac Cumhaill's family. You will notice that most surnames of male members of the family have the prefix, 'mac'. This means 'son'.

Draw a small portrait of each member of his family in their respective boxes.



# THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HILL OF TARA

Write a short description of the archaeological complex of the Hill of Tara. Make sure to describe the site's main features, their dates and measurements, where you can.

In the box below, sketch the Mound of the Hostages, the Neolithic mound and passage tomb located at the Hill of Tara. Make sure to label the main features of the mound.		

# THE CORONATION OF THE HIGH KINGS OF TARA

According to Irish mythology, High Kings of Tara were coronated at the Stone of Destiny. Using your imagination, draw a king's coronation at the place.

# BIRDS OF THE SLIEVE BLOOM MOUNTAINS

Today, the Slieve Bloom Mountains, where Fionn was raised by Bohmall and Liath Luachra, is a national park reserve. The reserve is home to a diverse range of bird species, including the peregrine, the merlin, long-eared owls, the red grouse, the raven and the rare hen harrier. Select one type of bird that lives in the reserve and research the species. Then complete a fact sheet about the bird.

#### **FACT SHEET**

Common name:	
Scientific name:	
Size:	
Weight:	
Life span in the wild:	My bird drawing
Diet:	<i>y</i>
FIVE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT T	HE BIRD
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2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

### FIONN AND THE GOLDEN RING

Write a short summary of Fionn's adventure at the Callaigh's Berra Lake. Make sure to include a description of where the lake is located and whom he met there.

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# FIONN AT CALLIAGH BERRA'S LAKE

Draw a picture of Fionn at the lake and his encounter with Calliagh Berra.		

# THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE CALLIAGH BERRA'S LAKE

Describe what archaeological places are located at the Calliagh Berra's Lake. Make sure to include details of the materials were used to build the site and where the site is located.

Draw a picture of the archaeological place in the box below.			

# FIONN AND THE SALMON OF KNOWLEDGE

Write a short summary of Fionn's adventure at the River Boyne. Make sure to describe where the river is located and how Fionn gained his supernatural powers.

### FIONN AT RIVER BOYNE

Draw a picture of Fionn at the river and his encounter with the bard Finnegas.		

### **RED-PECKED SALMON**

Write a short summary of salmon of the River Boyne. Make sure to include details about their physical characteristics and life cycle.

Draw a picture of a salmon in the box below. Make sure you label the main characteristics of the fish.

### THE HAZEL TREE

Write a short description of the hazel tree, including details about the tree's leaf-type, flower and fruit. Draw a picture of the tree below. Label the tree's main part.

# FIONN AND THE GREAT CAUSEWAY

Write a short summary of Fionn's adventure at the Great Causeway. Make sure to describe how the causeway was built, according to local legend.

# FIONN AT THE GREAT CAUSEWAY

Draw a picture of Fionn at the causeway.				

# THE GREAT CAUSEWAY

In your own words, describe the geological processes that formed the great causeway.

Draw a picture of the geological processes. Label its main events.				

# WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM FIONN'S ADVENTURES?

Write a reflection describing what you learnt from Fionn's adventure. You might like to consider the following questions. What character/s did you identify with and why? What qualities do you think Fionn demonstrated? Are these qualities important to you? If so, how do you think you can develop them? Do you think his story is still important today? If so, make sure to explain why.

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I'm an archaeologist, artist and educator. I studied Archaeology at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. In 2015, I was awarded a PhD. I'm a specialist in Inkan myth, ceremony and ethnohistory and have completed fieldwork in the Peruvian Andes. My thesis involved examining a sacred shrine located in Ancash, Peru.

In 2017, I started Ancient Explorer to help people, especially children, explore the ancient and natural worlds through science, art and storytelling.

In my spare time, I love to walk outdoors in nature, garden and write creative stories.

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