



Hill of Tara

Worksheet for Secondary Schools

1. Tara was the royal centre for the province of Mide.
Name the royal centres for the province of
a. Ulster, b. Connacht, c. Munster and d. Leinster.

Answer;

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

2. Name the family or dynasty that dominated the kingship of Tara until
1022AD when their last king, Maél Sechnaill II died.

Answer; _____

3. Name the ancient standing stone on the hill which according to legend is
said to screech when it is touched by the true king?

Answer; _____

4. Name the powerful goddess of sovereignty associated with Tara.

Answer; _____

5. The oldest visible monument on the Hill of Tara is a 5,000 year old Neolithic passage tomb. By what name is it better known as?

Answer; _____

6. There are 2 other major Neolithic passage tomb cemeteries in Co. Meath. Can you name them?

Answer;

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

7. According to legend, St. Patrick lit the paschal fire in opposition to the pagan king of Tara on which hill in Co. Meath?

Answer; _____

8. Who was the High King of Tara at the time of the lighting of the paschal fire by St Patrick?

Answer; _____

9. Who was the archaeologist that directed the excavations at Rath na Seanad or Rath of the Synods in the 1950s?

Answer; _____

10. What is the name of the Archaeological Research group that has been working since 1992 to enhance our knowledge of Tara through archaeology, literature, remote sensing and non-intrusive surveys?

Answers; _____

11. Name the artist that created the 'Pentecost Window' which is located inside St. Patrick's Church, which is now used as the visitor centre.

Answer; _____

12. The headstone memorial on top of the monument known as the Forrad and the modern day Celtic cross memorial both commemorate what event that happened on the hill of Tara on 26th May during the 1798 rebellion?

Answer; _____

13. Who addressed a 'Monster meeting' at the Hill of Tara in 1843 to further his campaign for repeal of the Act of Union?

Answer; _____

14. What is the name of the hill to the east of Tara with the ruins of an old church on the summit?

Answer; _____