

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b> 5th and 6th	<b>Subject</b> History
<b>Strand</b> Story	<b>Strand Unit</b> Myths & Legends	
<b>Title</b> The myth behind the naming of Moytirra - Balor and the Battle of Moy Tura		
<b>Objective(s)</b> The lesson introduces students to the naming of the Moytirra hydrothermal vents in the mid-Atlantic. The students will learn about how the name that was given to the largest hydrothermal vent was inspired by the Irish legend and story about Balor and the Battle of Moy Tura. The students will learn through readings of myths and legends from Irish culture.		
<b>Skills Required</b> Reading; Listening; Understanding; Developing Imagination, Creativity and Confidence in using oral language; Attention, Memory, Auditory Processing, Visual Processing.		
<b>Learning Objectives</b> The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to and discuss Balor and The Second Battle of Moy Tura saga from the Irish Mythological Cycle</li> <li>• Use evidence</li> <li>• Synthesise and communicate the story of Balor and the battle of Moy Tura, and how it relates to the naming of the Moytirra hydrothermal vents.</li> <li>• Use empathy in the story telling.</li> </ul>	<b>Learning Activities</b>  <b>Preparation</b> Smart Devices Web links See the recommended lesson plan schedule that supports the module: Build Your Own Unknown.  <b>Teacher Orientated</b> Discuss with students the naming of the hydrothermal vents in the mid-Atlantic and how the chief scientist, who led the discovery of the vents, was inspired by naming the vents after the Irish legend and story about Balor and the Battle of Moy Tura.  Read the story to the class or alternatively have the class read the story aloud in sections:  <a href="http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-4-the-first-battle-of-moy-tura/">http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-4-the-first-battle-of-moy-tura/</a>  <a href="http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-5-the-second-battle-of-moy-tura/">http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-5-the-second-battle-of-moy-tura/</a>  Discuss the chronology of events in the story and identify the different characters. Demonstrate the structure of a story in creative writing. Identify the start, middle and end. Where does the plot twist?	
	<b>Record and Communicate</b> Undertake the worksheet with students (see attached). This can be used as a research exercise in preparation for writing your own storyboard via	

	<p>Explorer's Lesson Plan: Storyboard Your Own Deep Sea Voyage of Discovery.</p> <p><b>Resources</b></p> <p>The myths and legends of Balor and The Battle of Moy Tura. A summary of the story can be found on the website <a href="http://www.bardmythologies.com">www.bardmythologies.com</a></p> <p>See: <a href="http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-4-the-first-battle-of-moy-tura/">http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-4-the-first-battle-of-moy-tura/</a></p> <p><a href="http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-5-the-second-battle-of-moy-tura/">http://bardmythologies.com/the-book-of-invasions-part-5-the-second-battle-of-moy-tura/</a></p> <p>Included on these pages are links to the story as an audio file on soundcloud, which may provide an alternative option of listening to the story with a class.</p> <p>Elizabeth A. Gray has published a version of Cath Maige Tuired / Battle of Moytura, edited and translated from the original manuscripts.</p> <p>Balor, is the title of a children's book telling the story of Balor through Irish by Irish Author Cairíona Hastings which should be available from libraries, plus it is beautifully illustrated.</p> <p>Children's illustrated book: Balor, le Cairíona Hastings agus Andrew Whitson</p> <p>Dr Andrew Wheelers discovering Moytirra video.</p> <p>Worksheet – see attached</p>
<p><b>Differentiation</b></p> <p>Differentiate group activities and roles to take account of individual needs, by support, task. Higher and Lower Order Questions.</p>	
<p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Teacher Observation.</p>	
<p><b>Linkage and Integration</b></p> <p>English - Writing - Emotional and imaginative development through language                  Drama - Exploring and making drama - Character Building                  Music – Listening to and responding to music - Dál Riata - Battle of Mag Tuired</p>	

**Worksheet: The myth behind the naming of Moytirra - Balor and the Battle of Moy Tura**

1. Who are the Fomorians?



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2. Who is Balor and what is his role in this story?
3. What is the name of the king who loses his arm?
4. Name the two groups who go to war.
5. Who is Lugh and what is his role in the story?
6. Who is Breas and what is his role in the story?
7. Who won The Second Battle of Moytirra?
8. How did Lugh defeat Balor?
9. At the end of the story, who becomes king of all Ireland?
10. Who is your favourite character and why?