

GAEILGE / SEE — HISTORY · 4TH–6TH CLASS

Gaeilge — Miotaseolaíocht na hÉireann

Mythological Characters — 4th–6th Class

Carachtar miotaseolaíochta — Mythological characters

1

Cú Chulainn

The great hero of the Ulster Cycle. 'Cú Chulainn' means 'hound of Culann'. Born Sétanta. The greatest warrior of ancient Ireland.

Example: KOO KHULL-in

2

Fionn Mac Cumhaill

Leader of the Fianna. 'Fionn' means fair/white. Gained wisdom by touching the Salmon of Knowledge.

Example: FYUN mac KOO-il

3

Tuatha Dé Danann

'The peoples of the goddess Danu.' The divine race who ruled Ireland before the Gaels. Associated with magic and wisdom.

Example: TOO-uh-ha DAY DAN-un

4

an Dagda

The 'Good God' — father figure of the Tuatha Dé Danann. Possesses a magical cauldron.

Example: un DAG-duh

5

Lugh Lámhfhada

'Lugh of the Long Arm.' The sun god. The harvest festival Lúnasa is named after him.

Example: LOO LAW-va-duh



6

an Morrigan

The goddess of fate and war — often appears as a crow. Associated with sovereignty and prophecy.

Example: un MOR-ig-un

7

Clann Lir

'The children of Lir.' Four royal children transformed into swans by their stepmother Aoife.

Example: KLAN lir

8

an draoi

the druid (wizard/priest)

Example: un DREE

9

an laoch

the hero/warrior

Example: un LEE-ukh

10

an síth

the fairy mound / otherworld

Example: un SHEE

