

Worksheet 4A: Cúchulainn

Long ago in Ireland there lived a boy named Setanta. One day his uncle, King Conor, was invited to a feast in the house of his blacksmith who was called Culann. Setanta had never met Culann so the king decided to bring his young nephew to the feast. However, when the king was leaving Setanta was in the middle of a game of hurling, but he promised that he would follow later. When Culann had welcomed the king and his guests into his house, he asked if everyone had arrived. The king forgot about Setanta and replied that all the guests were present. On hearing this, Culann released a savage hound to guard the house during the feast.



When Setanta's match ended he ran off to join his uncle at the feast. He brought his hurley and sliotar with him. He would puck the sliotar into the air and catch it before it hit the ground. When Setanta arrived at the entrance to Culann's house, the hound leapt at Setanta and tried to attack him. Setanta grabbed his sliotar and hit it with all his strength. The sliotar went straight into the hound's mouth, stuck in his throat and killed him. Setanta was safe.

Culann was very sad when he saw his hound dead. Setanta promised that he would find a new hound to guard the house and promised that he would guard Culann's castle until then. The Irish for a hound is cú (coo), so King Conor decided that Setanta would be known as Cúchulainn (The Hound of Culann) from that day.



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Tasks:

1. Make a list of feelings that Setanta had at different times in the story. Write down what event in the story made him feel a particular way and why.



2. True or False? Tick the correct box.

	True	False
Setanta`s uncle was a king.		
Setanta was good at hurling.		
The feast was in Setanta`s house.		
Setanta was the first to arrive at the feast.		
Setanta means "The hound of Culann"		
The hound killed Setanta.		

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Worksheet 4B: Player From The Past - Pat Spillane

Pat Spillane is famous as the presenter of the RTÉ programme *The Sunday Game*. He is also well known as one of the best Gaelic footballers ever. He first played for Kerry when he was only 18 in the year 1974. In 1975 he was one of the stars of a young Kerry team led by famous manager Mick O'Dwyer to win the All-Ireland against Dublin. In fact, because the captain was injured in the final, Pat went up the steps and accepted the Sam Maguire Cup. There were great battles between Kerry and Dublin in the next few years, with Dublin winning in 1976 and 1977. However, after that Kerry became the best team in the country winning seven All-Ireland finals in nine years. For the last three titles Pat was joined by his brothers Tom and Mick. Pat retired from football in 1991 after winning eight All-Ireland senior medals. He also won nine All-Star awards, more than any other footballer. In 2000 he was named at right-half forward on "The Football Team of the Millennium", meaning he was the best player in his position that ever played.



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Tasks

1. Find out more about Pat Spillane at www.rte.ie/sport/gaa/ceimaraghaidh/video.html.

2. True or False?

	True	False
Pat Spillane played for Dublin.		
Pat won eight All-Ireland medals.		
Pat presents the programme The Sunday Game.		
Pat won four All-Star awards.		
Pat`s two brothers played for Kerry.		
Pat`s position was goalkeeper.		

3. Ask your grandparents or parents to tell you about their favourite GAA player from the past.

- a) What was his/her name? _____
- b) Who did he/she play for? _____
- c) When did he/she play GAA? _____

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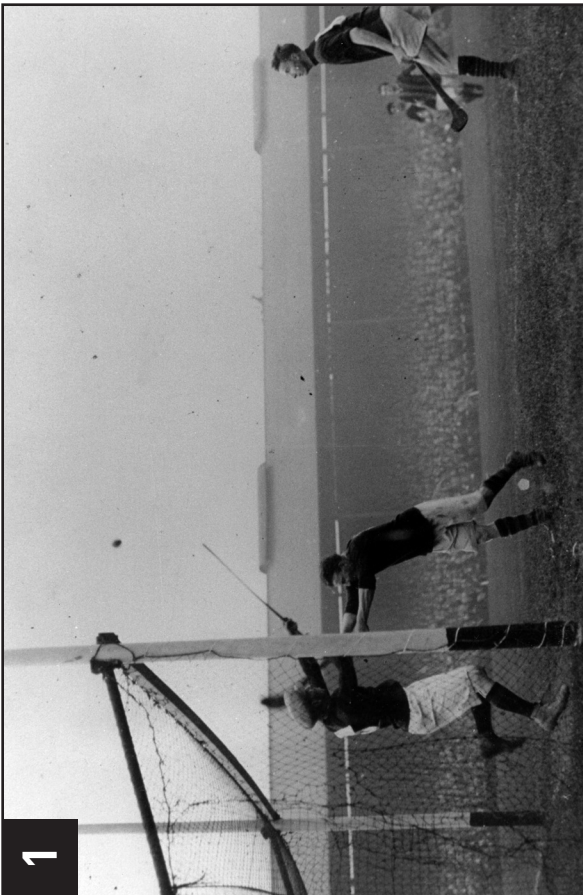
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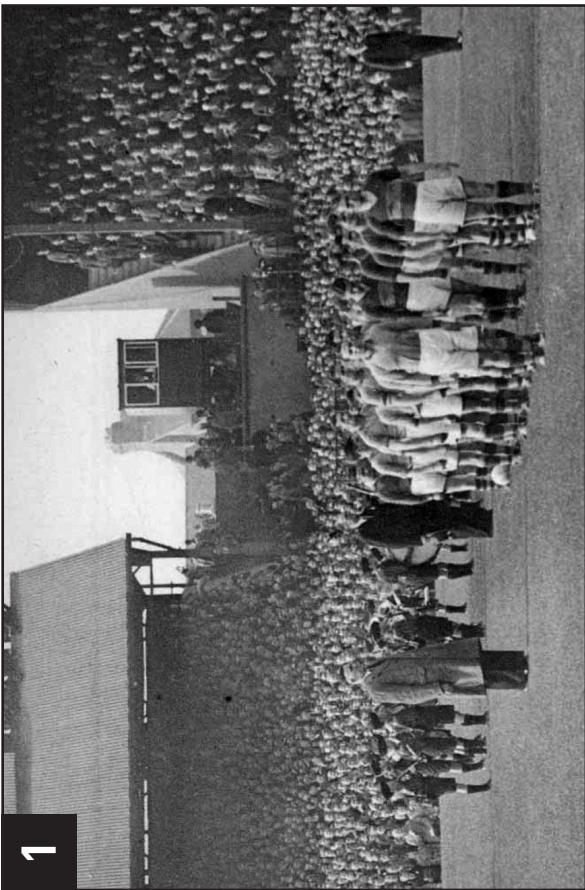
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