

## Celts, Picts and Norse

### Source 1

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

- Sort out the '**beginnings**' of the sentences with the correct '**endings**' to complete a short paragraph on the early history of the Highlands – the 'beginnings' are in the right order.

<b>Beginnings</b>	<b>Endings</b>
Before 8000 BC hunter-gathers could . . .	. . . through settlement
The first farmers came to our shores . . .	. . . ruled the Isles until the 15 <sup>th</sup> century
They brought early forms of civilisation . . .	. . . around 4000 BC
Iron Age peoples brought the Celtic . . .	. . . migrate on foot from Europe to Britain
Not until the 5 <sup>th</sup> century did the . . .	. . . Gaels come to Scotland
The Norse followed in the 8 <sup>th</sup> century and . . .	. . . languages to Britain after 700 BC

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**Source 2**

**Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.**

1. What are the riders in the scene in the middle panel engaged in?  
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2. An interlocking spiral design and a scroll design are used on the bottom panel. Where might you see these designs used today?  
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**Source 3**

**Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.**

1. Name three animals you can spot on the stone.
  - i. ....
  - ii. ....
  - iii. ....
2. The figure in the middle has a musical instrument. What instrument is it?  
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3. Where else might you see similar decoration?  
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4. From the evidence of the two stones – at Nigg and Hilton – what can you tell about Pictish life?  
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**Source 4**

Click to enlarge the image, read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. Do you see jewellery like this today? Draw a sketch of it.
2. What suggests that the brooch was made around the same time as the Hilton and Nigg Stones were carved or that the artists came from the same background?

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**Source 5**

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. How many years has Maeshowe been standing (think carefully)?  
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2. What is quite surprising about the building itself?  
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3. It says it was a Neolithic burial chamber. What suggests that it may not have been a burial chamber?  
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4. How did the calendar work? (bit big to hang on the wall!)  
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5. How do we know the Vikings visited it?  
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**Source 6**

**Read the text and then answer the following questions.**

1. Choose the two correct statements :-

- i. Norsemen were the first to build a castle on the rocky coastal outcrop.
- ii. Norsemen built Freswick House in 1760.
- iii. Norse influence had already waned when Robert the Bruce granted land to the Mowats.
- iv. Robert the Bruce was living in Freswick House when he saw the spider.

i. statement 1 :

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ii. statement 2 :

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**Source 7**

Read the text and then answer the following questions.

1. (a) Using the clues in the box below, what do you think the following Gaelic-derived names mean :-

i. Blairmore

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ii. Kingussie

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iii. Balbeggie

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(b) Using the text above and the clues below, what is the meaning of the place names :-

i. Drumnadrochit

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ii. Kinlochdamph

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Gaelic word	meaning
ceann	a head
mor	big
ghuibhais	a pine tree
drochaid	a bridge
blar	a peat bog or flat boggy area
beag	small
baile	a village

2. Using the clues in the box below, what do you think the following Norse-derived names mean :-

i. Laxford

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ii. Shieldaig

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iii. Dingwall

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Norse word	meaning
lax	salmon
vollr	place
fiord	sea loch
sild	herring
thing	parliament
vik	bay

3. Explain how **Peanmeanach** gets its name.

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