

Crofting

Source 1

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

1. Before 1883, why was it so easy for the landlord to evict a crofter?

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2. What was the name of the report that led to the setting up of the Crofters Commission?

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3. In what three ways did the setting up of the Crofters Commission improve the crofter's situation?

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ii.

iii.

Source 2

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

1. What does a crofting township consist of?

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2. What is unusual about the use of 'common grazings' in the Highlands compared to other parts of Britain?

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Source 3

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

1. What might today's crofter use in place of the cas chrom and why?

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Source 4

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

1. Why had potatoes become so important in the diet by the 1800s?

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2. What tool is the crofter using to till the ground?

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3. Who is doing the planting?

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4. Part of the potato crop had to be kept over for the following Spring. Why?

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5. What were 'lazy beds'?

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Source 5

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

1. How would the use of the scythe rather than machinery help to conserve ground-nesting birds like the conchrae?

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Source 6

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

1. Why would it have been so important that everyone was involved in the harvesting?

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Source 7

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

1. Name two breeds of sheep kept by crofters.

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2. Why is the wool so important to the crofter?

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3. How many men/boys are working at the fank?

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4. What are the big sacks by the dyke for?

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Source 8

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

1. Why is the peat cut in the Spring and not much later on?

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2. What might be done with the heather turfs once the peat bank has been cut?

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3. How many days work is needed to supply the croft with peats for the coming year?

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4. Why do you think the use of peat for fuel is dying out?

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5. Why might it be a shame if the custom of peat cutting died out?

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