

CELTIC EXERCISES

A - exercises

1. Look at a world map. Where did the Celts live? Add dates to the places they lived.
2. Where do the Celts live today?
3. How do we know what we know today about the Celts? How does this influence the image we have of the Celts today?
4. What did Celtic society look like?
5. What was the role of women in Celtic society?
6. What did the Celts live from? What made them prosperous?
7. Find examples (for instance on the internet) of the unique decorations that the Celts put on the objects they made.
8. The comic book characters Asterix and Obelix are Celts. Study part of a comic book about Asterix and Obelix. What typical Celtic characteristics do they have?
9. Make a list of some important aspects of the Celtic religion?
10. What influences of Celtic religion can we still find today in the West?
11. What is meant by a polytheistic religion?
12. What was a Druid and what was his or her task?
13. What kinds of things happened in the relationship between Donn and Danu?
14. How did death enter the world according to the Celtic creation myth?
15. Reincarnation is mentioned several times in the Celtic creation myth. What is reincarnation and where is it mentioned?
16. What similarities do you see between the Celtic creation myth and the creation myths of other cultures?

B - exercises

At the beginning of your presentation make a poster with a sketch or summary of the Celtic creation myth.

Choose one of the following exercises and indicate what the relationship is between the exercise you choose and the creation myth.

1. Create a radio play in which Donn, Danu and Finn tell a Druid how the world came into existence. The Druid can ask questions if things are not clear.

or

2. Use aluminum foil (or something similar) to create Celtic objects. Don't forget the typical Celtic decorations.

or

3. Create a short play in which Celtic men and women argue over the role of women in Celtic society.

C - exercises

What (human) emotions influence the behavior of Donn and Danu?

