



# The Big Fight

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The Big Fight is based on the ancient Irish myth, Táin Bó Cuailgne.

Can you find and read other ancient Irish myths, such as the story of Diarmaid and Gráinne or that of Niamh Cinn Óir in Tír na nÓg. You might ask a teacher or librarian to read you these stories from *Celtic Magic Tales* or *Celtic Tales of Enchantment* by Liam Mac Uistin.

Using a map of Ireland or a large wall map, see if you can mark any of the places mentioned in the stories. Ask your teacher or a grown-up for help if you are not sure of some of the placenames. Did you know that a lot of place names in Ireland link into these ancient Irish stories?



Which story explains the origins of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland? Your teacher might have a copy of *The Giant's Causeway and the North Antrim Coast* by Philip Watson, 0-86278-675-4, and you could do research using this book.

**[You can find the answer if you use the Google search engine and type in 'placenames of Ireland translations'.]**



What is the name of the townland where you live?

See if you can find ten other placenames and

their translations near to your home on the same website.

If you share your information with your class, you could organise a class table quiz on placenames.



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