

## Lesson Plan

### Gaelic Glossary

**Book:** *Irish Dance*

**Series:** Shall We Dance?

**Level:** Beacon

### Objective

To help students practice using a glossary to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and demonstrating their understanding of those words by using them in sentences.

### Supplies

- *Irish Dance* book
- Gaelic Glossary worksheet (attached)

### Before the Activity

Read through the *Irish Dance* book, or assign it to students to read on their own. Print a Gaelic Glossary worksheet for each student.

### Activity

Give each student a Gaelic Glossary worksheet. Students should use the book's glossary to write definitions for each word. Then they should write a paragraph that uses five of the words from the worksheet.

### Evaluation

Using the attached answer key, give the students one point for each word they correctly define and one point for each word they use correctly in their paragraph, for a total of 16 points.

### Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading informational text standards, grade 3 (RI 3.5) and language standards, grade 3 (L 3.4).

## Gaelic Glossary

A. Using the book's glossary, write definitions for the following words.

1. brooch

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2. Celtic

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3. embroidered

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4. formations

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5. hornpipes

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6. intermission

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7. kilts

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8. social

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9. stamina

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10. traditional

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11. unison

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B. Choose five words from the list above to write a paragraph about Irish dancing.

## Gaelic Glossary Answer Key

A. Using the book's glossary, write definitions for the following words.

1. **brooch:** A piece of jewelry pinned to clothing and worn as a decoration.
2. **Celtic:** Having to do with the cultures of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.
3. **embroidered:** Having designs sewn onto a piece of cloth.
4. **formations:** Arrangements of people in groups.
5. **hornpipes:** Lively dances that were a favorite of sailors.
6. **intermission:** A pause in an activity such as between acts of a play.
7. **kilts:** Skirts that reach the knees, often worn by Irish or Scottish men.
8. **social:** Having to do with activities involving other people.
9. **stamina:** The ability to continue working for a long time.
10. **traditional:** Well established within a group of people.
11. **unison:** At the same time.

B. Choose five words from the list above to write a paragraph about Irish dancing.

Answers will vary.