

Cú Chulainn falls in love with Emer one of the most beautiful women in Ireland. They pledge loyalty but soon they must part as he has to continue his military studies in Scotland with Scathach. Emer gives him a love token which he promises never to part with. With difficulty he finally joins Scathach's camp and daily improves his skills. As a test Scathach demands his love brooch. He refuses her and he is pitted against a multi-faceted enemy. His love token lost, he returns crestfallen to Ireland. Emer realises he will always put his work first and regretfully they part.

**Key words/concepts:**

romance, 'soppy' promises, tokens, destiny, choices.

**Before the programme:**

- ◆ Outline the plot of the episode
- ◆ Discuss themes of love, choice, commitment.

**After the programme.**

- ◆ Make a list of real or fictional characters who were in love eg: Romeo and Juliet, Ken and Barbie, Tony and Cherie, Posh and Becks.
- ◆ Search catalogues and magazines for love tokens eg: Claddagh rings, engagement rings, Forever Friends toys etc. Make a collage.
- ◆ See how many love songs you can list or sing.
- ◆ Cú Chulainn took 'four days and four nights' to get to Scotland. Explore modern routes and connections between Ireland and



- ◆ Scathach's island is not exactly identified. Draw a map of the island and label it. Mark sites suitable for the different warrior skills. Name the sites with suitable names.
- ◆ Design a brochure for Scathach's Island training camp; mention skills, tests, diet sheets, equipment etc...
- ◆ Mark on **Worksheet One**: Errigal, Rathlin Island, Lough Neagh, Scotland.
- ◆ Update your 'Animals and Creatures' on **Worksheet Two**.
- ◆ Create your own Word Search Puzzle Worksheet using words associated with the series.