



## The hero's Death

## Programme 5

The army of Connaught was making no headway against Cú Chulainn. He was picking Maeve's men off one by one. Ferdia, foster brother of Cú Chulainn, is eventually matched against Ulster's hero. For days they battle it out and by night they assist and nurse each other. They pledge always to be brothers but eventually Cú Chulainn kills Ferdia. Maeve gets her bull but it is a Pyrrhic victory for she loses him soon after. Sadly Cú Chulainn dies of his battle wounds.

### Key words/concepts

Ford, stalemate, chess, foster brother, kinsman, challenge, shame

### Before the programme:

- ◆ recap on the story so far
- ◆ give a brief outline of the story to come  
(saving the ending)
- ◆ explain key words

### After the programme

- ◆ Continue the comic strip version of the Brown Bull of Cooley story.
- ◆ Brainstorm about professions which care for others.  
Create a collage of people caring for other people.
- ◆ Search the internet for websites giving further information on Cú Chulainn and other Irish legends.
- ◆ Build up a scrapbook on Cú Chulainn using information from websites, library books, information books etc ....



- ◆ Finish off **Worksheet Two** with creatures from today's programme.
- ◆ Complete the **Worksheet Five**.



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Worksheet 5

Words can be found vertically, diagonally, horizontally or backwards

CUCHULAINN  
ULSTER  
LOUGH NEAGH  
EMER  
FERDIA  
BLACKSMITH  
SCOTLAND  
HURLEY  
GRANDA  
SWORD

COOLEY  
SETANTA  
SCATHA  
HOUND  
BULL  
LOVE  
WAR  
BROTHER  
FORD  
VICTOR