

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**.



The hero's Death

Programme 5
Worksheet 5

C	U	C	H	U	L	A	I	N	N	A	C
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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