

CAM 19 - TEST 1 - PART 4

Céide Fields



For my **1.** _____ today, I'm going to talk about the Céide Fields in the **2.** _____ of Ireland, one of the largest Neolithic **3.** _____ in the world. I recently **4.** _____ this site and **5.** _____ the **6.** _____ that is currently being done by a team of **7.** _____ there.

The **8.** _____ was first **9.** _____ in the 1930s by a local teacher, Patrick Caulfield. He **10.** _____ that when **11.** _____ people were **12.** _____ in the **13.** _____, they were **14.** _____ hitting against what seemed to be **15.** _____ of stones. He **16.** _____ that these must be **17.** _____ and that they must be **18.** _____ of years old for them to **19.** _____ the bog which **20.** _____ grew over them.

He **21.** _____ to the National Museum in Dublin to ask them to **22.** _____, but no one **23.** _____ him **24.** _____. It **25.** _____ until 40 years later, when Patrick Caulfield's son Seamus,

who had 26. _____ an 27. _____ by then, began to 28. _____ further. He 29. _____ iron 30. _____ into the bog to 31. _____ the 32. _____ of the stones, a traditional 33. _____ which local people had always 34. _____ for 35. _____ fuel 36. _____ in the bog for thousands of years. 37. _____ dating later 38. _____ that the 39. _____ was over 5,000 years old and was the largest Neolithic site in Ireland.

Thanks to the bog which 40. _____ the area, the 41. _____ of the 42. _____ at Céide Fields, which is over 5,000 years old, are extremely 43. _____. A bog is 90 percent water; its 44. _____ is so 45. _____ that when the 46. _____ and 47. _____ that grow on its 48. _____ die, they don't fully 49. _____ but 50. _____ in 51. _____. Objects 52. _____ so well 53. _____ in these conditions because of the 54. _____ of the 55. _____ and the 56. _____ of 57. _____. At least 175 days of rain a year are 58. _____ for this to happen; this part of Ireland gets an 59. _____ of 225 days.

The Neolithic farmers at Céide would have **60.** _____ several centuries **61.** _____ **62.** _____ peace and **63.** _____. Neolithic farmers **64.** _____ lived in **65.** _____ communities than their **66.** _____, with a number of houses built around a community building. As they lived in **67.** _____ **68.** _____, Neolithic farmers were able to build bigger houses. These **69.** _____ round as people often **70.** _____, but **71.** _____ with a small **72.** _____ in the **73.** _____ that allowed smoke to **74.** _____. This is one of many **75.** _____ and **76.** _____ that the Neolithic farmers were the first people to cook indoors. Another new technology that Neolithic **77.** _____ brought to Ireland was **78.** _____. Fragments of Neolithic **79.** _____ have been found in Céide and elsewhere in Ireland. The **80.** _____ were used for many things; as well as for **81.** _____ food, pots were **82.** _____ with a small amount of fat and when this was set **83.** _____, they **84.** _____ as lamps.

It's thought that the Céide Fields were **85.** _____ used as **86.** _____ for animals to **87.** _____ in. **88.** _____ from the Céide Fields suggests that each plot of land was of a **89.** _____ size to **90.** _____ an **91.** _____ family. They may have used a system of **92.** _____ **93.** _____ in order to prevent **94.** _____ and to allow for plant **95.** _____ and

96. _____. This must have been a 97. _____ activity as no 98. _____ have been found which would have been used to 99. _____ animals in the winter.

However, archaeologists believe that this way of life at Céide 100. _____ 101. _____. Why was this? Well, 102. _____ factors may have 103. _____ to the 104. _____ circumstances. The soil would have become less 105. _____ and led to the 106. _____ of farming. The crop 107. _____ system was 108. _____ 109. _____ for this as it would have been very 110. _____ and was not 111. _____. But there were also 112. _____ pressures too. The farmers at Céide would have enjoyed a 113. _____ dry period, but this began to change and the conditions became 114. _____ as there was a lot more rain. It was these conditions that 115. _____ the bog to form over the area which 116. _____ today.

So now I'd like to show you some ...