

# The GAA Museum *Activity Trail*

This activity sheet is designed for older primary school children aged 9+



My name:

My age:

## Welcome to the GAA Museum at Croke Park!

 Underneath the goalposts at the start of the exhibition are 3 different screens. Watch these screens for a few moments and name 3 sports that the GAA plays

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

 Walk down the exhibition, turn to the left and find the metal hurl on the wall.

 Setanta's name after he killed the hound was changed to C\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_n

Do you think that you could play hurling with a brass hurl and silver sliotar? Why?

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### Did You Know?

A legend is a story from the past which is not always true. Storytellers liked to exaggerate to make the story more exciting! According to Ireland's Celtic Legends a young boy called Setanta played hurling with a brass hurl and silver sliotar!

 Move around the corner and turn right to find out about the founding of the GAA.

+ Work it out! =

 The GAA was founded in \_\_\_\_\_ making it \_\_\_\_\_ years old!

Hint: Use the 'work it out' box to do your calculations 

 Name 3 men who were involved in founding the GAA

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Did You Know?

The first ever meeting of the GAA was held in Mrs Hayes Hotel in Thurles Co. Tipperary on the 1st November. Today we have evidence that 7 men attended the meeting.

➔ Move around the corner and find the women's outfit used for playing hurling in 1904.

🧐 The female version of hurling is called \_\_\_\_\_

👁️ Look closely at the uniform

🧐 Do you think girls today should play GAA games in this uniform? Why?

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### Did You Know?

In 1904 it was not acceptable for women to wear trousers or short skirts so they had to play in a heavy skirt. A special rule in 1904 was that women were not allowed to use their skirt to stop the ball!

➔ Turn to your right and behind the small theatre you will find a glass case with two Jerseys.

🧐 What teams do these jerseys belong to?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

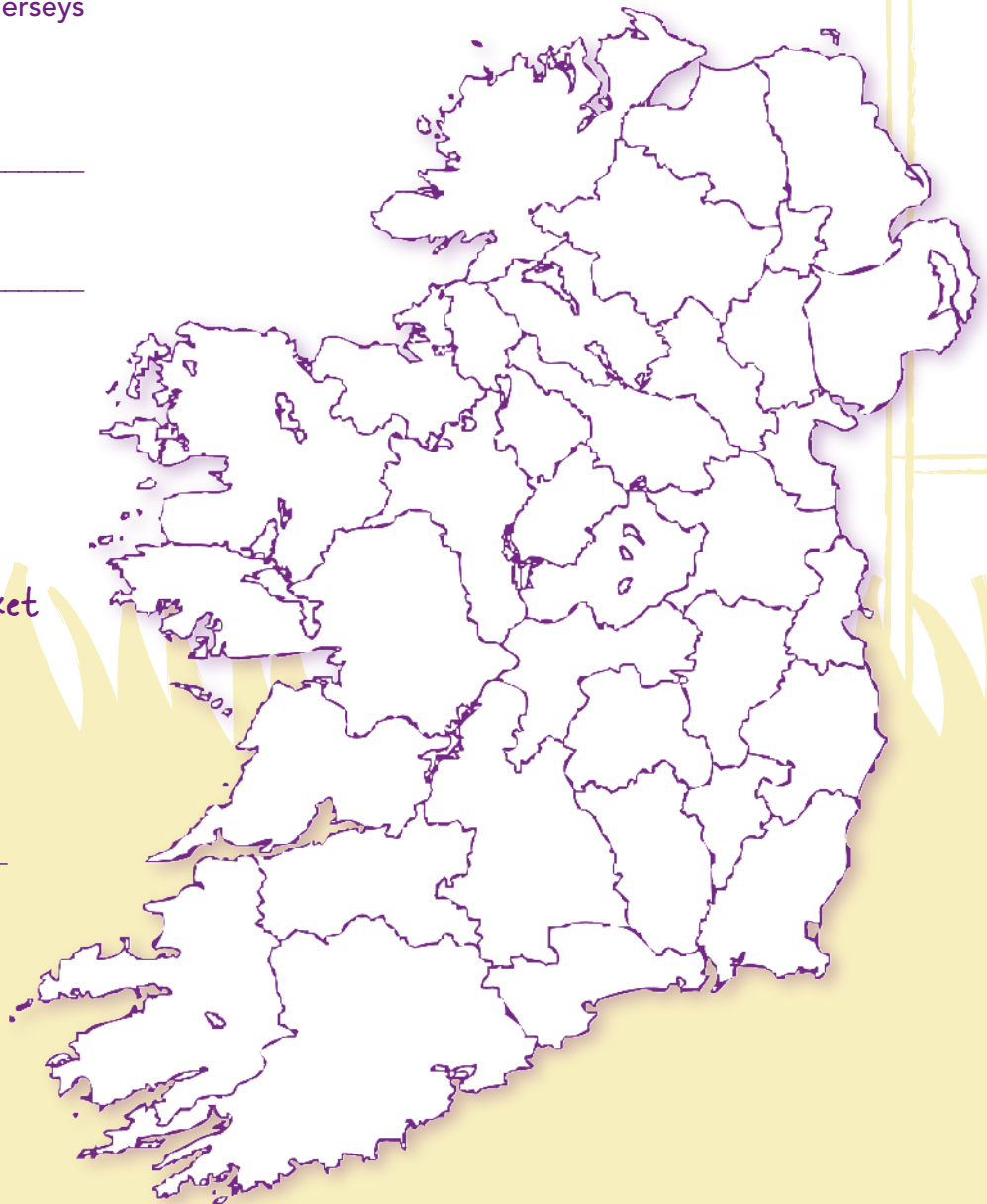
2. \_\_\_\_\_

➔ Colour in these two counties on the map as well as your own county.

➔ Find the match ticket in the case.

🧐 What time was the match due to start at?

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What name was given to 21st November 1920? Why do you think the name was used?

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### Did You Know?

14 people were killed in the stadium during a Gaelic football match on the 21st November 1920. The youngest to die was a 10 year old boy called Jerome O'Leary who was watching the game with his father. This was the saddest day in the GAA's history.

 Move along and on your left you will find a case explaining how hurling sticks are made.



Name two tools that are used for making hurling sticks?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_



What is the best type of wood to make a Hurling stick?

*Hint: Second paragraph on the information panel inside the case*

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 Watch the screen between the two glass cases.



What county jersey is the boy helping the Hurley maker wearing?

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 Colour in this county on the map on the other page

### Did You Know?

In ancient Celtic times copper, silver and gold would have been used to band the hurl and show off how wealthy the owner was!

 Move around the corner and on your right in front of the small theatre find the display case with the old broadcasting equipment.



What famous broadcaster used this equipment?

*Hint: He commentated on 99 All-Ireland Hurling and Football finals*

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Can you name one other famous sports commentator today?

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### Did You Know?

The first ever live sports broadcast in Europe was of the GAA All-Ireland Hurling Semi-Final between Kilkenny and Galway in 1926 by Radio Eireann.

➔ Move across to the other side of the exhibition and find a small room dedicated to the 1947 All-Ireland Football Final.

? The 1947 final did not take place in Ireland. Where was it held? N \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_

What two teams played in the 1947 final?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

➔ Find the poster above the TV screen

? How much was it to go to the match that day? \_\_\_\_\_

### Did You Know?

The Polo Grounds first opened in 1876 and was demolished in 1964. During the 88 years it was open, the grounds played host to Polo, Baseball, American Football, Soccer and of course Gaelic Football!

★ ★ Congratulations! ★ ★

You have now finished *The GAA Museum's activity trail!*

## ➔ To do at home

Find the following words in the wordsearch below

Cusack  
Croke Park  
Bloody Sunday  
Football  
Hayes Hotel  
Davin  
Setanta  
Hurling  
Sliotar  
All-Ireland  
Legend  
Polo grounds  
Cú Chulainn  
Camogie  
GAA

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