

ACTIVITY 2 ANCIENT OBJECTS

LOOK AT THE IMAGES OF THE OBJECTS AND ENJOY READING ABOUT THE INTERESTING FACTS

IMAGE OF OBJECT	NAME OF OBJECT	INTERESTING FACTS
	A comb and two needles	This comb is made from a deer antler and the needles are made from animal bone. Antler and bone objects that date back to the Stone Age (over 11,000 years ago) have been found in Argyll.
	Bone flute	Archaeologists believe that animal bone could be used to make small flutes. Other materials could also be used to make flutes and whistles such as the wood from Willow, Oak or Birch trees.

Top left is a Bronze age style 'Barbed and tanged' arrowhead and at the bottom right is a 'leaf' shaped arrowhead	Both arrowheads would have been fired from a bow used by a hunter and could have been made from local stone or flint stone. The nearest flint stone to Kilmartin Glen can be found in Northern Ireland. The leaf shaped arrowhead is a much older style of arrowhead used around 6,000 years ago. The Barbed and tanged arrowheads were used over 4,000 years ago and are a different design and style to the leaf shape arrowhead.
A pottery beaker known as a 'Beaker' pot	Beaker pots were used by people around 4,500 years ago and tanged and barbed arrow heads have been found with 'Beaker' pottery. These pots had been placed in the ancient burial cists (graves) within Kilmartin Glen. Temple Wood Stone Circle and the Upper Largie burial sites are just two of the places where Beaker pottery has been found.

Dunadd Brooch and pin made in Silver The clay looking object is a clay mould.	About 1,400 years ago, the people of Dunadd were making these beautiful brooches. Archaeologists found hundreds of clay brooch mould fragments at Dunadd Hill fort and using this information experts were able to make a copy of the Dunadd Brooch and pin. The brooch is in the shape of a bird's head and has small pieces of 'amber' for the eyes. In order to make a brooch, a clay mould is made first, then a hot 'liquid' metal (silver or pewter) is poured into the mould and left to cool down. The precious stones (eyes of the bird) would be added once the brooch is removed from the mould. The pin would also be made in a clay mould.
Bronze Horn	This Bronze Horn looks like the 'Bronze Age' horns that have been found in Ireland and are 2,500 to 3,000 years old. During the Iron Age (just over 2,000 years ago) the bronze horns were much larger and longer are known as 'Carnyx' Horns.
Cooking Pot also known as a Cauldron	Used for cooking, the cauldron could have been made from iron or copper metals and once made it is suspended over an open fire. Different kinds of stews could be cooked in the cauldron, meat or vegetable and even porridge! See Web link 3 for 3D model of cauldron

HAVE A THINK ABOUT SOME OF THE OBJECTS YOU HAVE JUST SEEN AND IN THE TABLE BELOW, WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT A SIMILAR OBJECT THAT YOU WOULD USE TODAY IN 2020.

WHAT IS YOUR OBJECT MADE OF? (plastic, wood, iron, steel.....)

PERHAPS YOU CAN DO SOME DETECTIVE WORK AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE YOUR OBJECT IS MADE, WAS IT MADE IN SCOTLAND, THE UK OR ANOTHER COUNTRY?

For example, a similar instrument to the Bronze Horn today would be a trumpet made from silver, Brass or Gold

ANCIENT OBJECT	MODERN OBJECTS ARE MADE FROM THEY ARE MADE IN
BONE NEEDLE	
ANTLER COMB	
BONE FLUTE	

CAULDRON (COOKING POT)	
BEAKER	
BROOCH	