

Celtic Treasures Answers

1. What would Celtic tribes have used the carnyx for?

Celtic tribes would have used the carnyx as a battle horn.

2. When and where was the Deskford Carnyx found?

The Deskford Carnyx was found in 1816 in Deskford, Banffshire.

3. What is a hoard?

A hoard is a collection of valuable money or objects that has been hidden away.

4. What was in the hoard that David Booth found?

David Booth found four gold neck ornaments called torcs.

5. Who excavated the area the hoard was found in?

Archaeologists excavated the area the hoard was found in.

Celtic Treasures Answers

1. When was the Deskford Carnyx thought to have been made?

The Deskford Carnyx dates from around AD 80–200.

2. What is the Deskford Carnyx?

The Deskford Carnyx is the head of an Iron Age trumpet.

3. What would Celtic tribes have used the carnyx for?

Celtic tribes would have used the carnyx as a battle horn. The carnyx might also have been played at feasts, ceremonies and festivals.

4. What was the Deskford Carnyx made from?

It was made from bronze and brass.

5. What is the Blair Drummond or Stirling Hoard?

The Blair Drummond or Stirling hoard is a collection of four Celtic torcs found by David Booth.

6. What is a torc?

A torc is a Celtic neck ornament.

7. Around when were these torcs made?

These torcs were made around 300–100BC.

8. What did archaeologists find out about the area the Hoard was buried in?

They found that they were buried inside a large circular wooden building in a boggy area.

Celtic Treasures Answers

1. What is the Deskford Carnyx and when was it thought to have been made?

The Deskford Carnyx is the head of an Iron Age trumpet and dates from around AD 80–200.

2. What makes the Deskford Carnyx special?

It is the only carnyx head to have been found in Britain.

3. What would Celtic tribes have used the carnyx for?

Celtic tribes would have used the carnyx as a battle horn. The carnyx might also have been played at feasts, ceremonies and festivals.

4. Why do you think the Celts chose to model the carnyx on a wild boar?

Open – The wild boar was admired by the Celts for its ferocity and going into battle they would have wanted to appear fierce.

5. What creature would you choose if you had to design a carnyx? Explain why you would choose that creature.

Accept any sensible creature suggestion with appropriate justification.

6. Why do you think the ears, eyes, tongue and long tube of the Deskford Carnyx were missing?

Answers may include: they disintegrated over time, they were damaged before they were buried, etc.

7. Why could David Booth be described as a lucky man?

Accept any sensible answer that relates to David Booth finding the hoard whilst using his metal detector for the first time.

8. Describe the torcs that David found.

These torcs dated from around 300 – 100BC. Two of the torcs were made from twisted gold ribbons and the others had more detailed decoration.

9. Archaeologists found that the hoard was buried inside a large circular wooden building in a boggy area. What might this building have been?

Accept any sensible suggestion, e.g. the building might have been a Celtic roundhouse.

10. What questions would you like to ask about the torcs found in the Stirling Hoard?

Accept any sensible question suggestions, e.g. are they valuable? who may have worn them? etc.