

## **Irish Literature Scavenger Hunt Questions**

- a. What is W.B. Yeats's name for his collection of stories, etc., based on Irish folktales?**
- b. What is the “Celtic fringe?”**
- c. What is the eighth line of Yeats's poem, “September 1913?”**
- d. Find a title of a work by an Irish poet, playwright or novelist that has the word “swim” in it.**
- e. In what county can you find the Kylemore Abbey?**
- f. Name the song:  
According to tradition, William Mulchinock of Tralee, County Kerry, fell deeply in love with Mary, the daughter of a woman who worked as a domestic servant for the Mulchinocks. It was a love that went unrequited. Years later in 1850, after returning from living abroad, Mulchinock saw a funeral coming down the street and was told that it was Mary's. This inspired him to write that song that very day. The melody was later added by Charles Glover. It may be a bit too sentimental for certain tastes, but it has always been a favorite among Irish tenors, who find the lyrics a lovely blend of natural beauty and idealized love.**
- g. What does “Baile in Scail” mean?**
- h. What is “Baile in Scail?”**
- i. What were James Joyce's middle names?**
- j. On what street in Dublin is University College located?**
- k. What is the title of Seamus Heaney's essay on early Irish poetry?**
- l. What is the dish called that is made of cabbage, potatoes, mile and traditionally served on Halloween?**
- m. Who slayed Ireland's last dragon?**
- n. What are the Gaelic names for the days of the week?**

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## Answer Key

a. What is W. B. Yeats's name for his collection of stories, etc., based on Irish folktales?  
**Celtic Twilight**

b. What is the "Celtic fringe?"  
**Celtic fringe (or edge) : (the land of) the Scots, Welsh, Irish and Cornish, regarded as occupying the fringe or outlying edge of the British Isles (freq. derogatory). Oxford English Dictionary**

c. What is the eighth line of Yeats's poem "September 1913?"  
**“Ἴτᾶς ωιτη Οἰλεαρψ ιν τηε γραπε.∇**

d. Find a title of a work by an Irish poet, playwright or novelist that has the word "swim" in it.  
**AT-SWIM-TWO-BIRDS**

e. In what county can you find the Kylemore Abbey?  
**Galway**

f. Name the song:  
"According to tradition, William Mulchinock of Tralee, County Kerry, fell deeply in love with Mary, the daughter of a woman who worked as a domestic servant for the Mulchinocks. It was a love that went unrequited. Years later in 1850, after returning from living abroad, Mulchinock saw a funeral coming down the street and was told that it was Mary's. This inspired him to write that song that very day. The melody was later added by Charles Glover. It may be a bit too sentimental for certain tastes, but it has always been a favorite among Irish tenors, who find the lyrics a lovely blend of natural beauty and idealized love."

**“Rose of Tralee” (Oxford Companion to Irish Literature)**

g. What does "Baile in Scail" mean?  
**Phantom's Vision**

h. What is "Baile in Scail?"  
**Text on the Kings o Tara ...a mythological tale**

i. What were James Joyce's middle names?

**Augustine Aloysius**

j. On what street in Dublin is University College located?

**Earlsfort Terrace**

k. What is the title of Seamus Heaney's essay on early Irish poetry?

**“The God in the Tree” (Ireland Anthology 21)**

l. What is the dish called that is made of cabbage, potatoes, milk and traditionally served on Halloween?

**Calcannon (WorldMark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life, 197)**

m. Who slayed Ireland's last dragon?

**Saint Finnabar**

n. What are the Gaelic names for the days of the week?

**Monday- Luan**

**Tuesday- Mairt**

**Wednesday – Ceadaoin**

**Thursday- Deardaoin**

**Friday- Aoine**

**Saturday – Satharn**

**Sunday- Domhnach**