



THE CULTURE

EARLY IRISH MUSIC AND SONGS WERE NOT USUALLY WRITTEN DOWN. CHILDREN WERE TAUGHT TO PLAY THE MUSIC BY HEARING IT. THE IRISH ARE KNOWN FOR THE HARP, THE FIDDLE AND BAGPIPES.



THE HARP IS THE NATIONAL SYMBOL OF IRELAND?

A CELTIC KNOT IS NOT NECESSARILY A KNOT BUT A PATTERN WHICH HAS NO CLEAR START OR FINISH. IT IS A COMMON SYMBOL IN THE IRISH CULTURE.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT CELTIC KNOTS WERE FIRST USED BY MONKS TO EMBELLISH THEIR MANUSCRIPTS.



LOOK ONLINE FOR DIRECTIONS ON TYING A CELTIC KNOT

TODAY CELTIC KNOTS ARE OFTEN USED TO DECORATE IRISH STEP DANCING COSTUMES AS WELL AS JEWELRY AND EVEN GRAVE MARKERS.



Irish Step Dancing

In Ireland's past, dance teachers would travel around the country teaching the locals the art of dancing. They were seen as important figures as they helped the spread of Irish culture throughout the island.

Today, the popularity of Irish Dance has spread throughout the world due to the fame of Riverdance in the 1990s.