

LESSON PLAN

The Bannerfield, Kirkmichael

AIM:

Through learning a little about the Bannerfield, we can:

- Begin to understand something of the Jacobites and some of the divisions in Scottish society around 1700.
- Enjoy reading a classic Scottish novel set around that time
- Consider the use that space is put to now and have fun creating our own Highland Games.

ACTIVITIES:

Researching the topic of The Jacobites

Using the BBC website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/as/jacobites/std/?p=factbg4>

pupils answer the questions in the worksheet.

Now, using the same link, pupils write 5/8/10 questions for another group to answer using the same resource.

The answers can be shared in a Press Conference style, with interviewers and experts. It might be nice to practise and film the interviews. With a bit of time, children could edit the film, add music and produce something quite slick and informative.

Read Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

Have a map of Scotland on the wall and as you read, using string and drawing pins, you can document the main events in their locations.

(If the original is too heavy-going, there is a nice abridged version, or, you could listen to the BBC Radio 4 Full-cast dramatization which is available on CD.)

Strathardle Games

Go to the main website and look at the events page. Some of the events have developed from real work and activities working people have done. Some have grown from fun.

In groups, come up with a number of Highland Games activities you could carry out with your class. Think of and record the resources and space required and describe the activity.

As a class, share these ideas and decide which might work, then try them and have a mini Highland Games one afternoon. You could design posters, write out the events nicely, invite others to join you. It could be small and fun, or a bigger event. Maybe it could even become your new School Sports Day?