

1980s Texts / Top 5 Proper Types
Fionn ~ Finn – 70 / Cuchulainn – 51 / Maeve ~ Meabh – 49 / Ferdia – 26 / Conor – 21

#1

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Finn

FINN.....27 (1983)		
Legend How did the young	Finn	take his father's place as 26
fish in the great sea,	Finn	Mac Cumhail knew that the 30
great gate of Tara went	Finn	, his fair head held high 32
table. But the eyes of	Finn	Mac Cumhail went cold and 33
his eyes fell upon young	Finn	Mac Cumhail. Cormac had the 34
have you come here?' first	Finn	stood straight and tall before 36
question, my name is	Finn	, the son of Cumhail, who 37
man.' And Cormac gave	Finn	a place at his own 39
in the hall, up stood	Finn	Mac Cumhail. 'Cormac, High 47
Fianna!' replied the brave	Finn	King . The silence of the hall 50
night,' said Cormac. So	Finn	left the hall. Taking his 53
in your work tonight.'	Finn	thanked the old man, but 55
handed the spear to young	Finn	, who took the spear from 57
magic spear in his hand,	Finn	began walking along the walls 58
nearer it came! At last,	Finn	could see Aillen, floating 59
As the music grew stronger,	Finn	across felt sleep falling upon him 60
the castle wall. Half asleep,	Finn	heard the sound of the 61
his sleepiness left him and	Finn	saw Aillen standing across 61
rolling ball of green flame.	Finn	from pulled off his cloak and 63
the door of the rath,	Finn	drew back his arm, took 64
others had left the castle,	Finn	stayed on guard himself until 65
morning, they returned and found	Finn	watching for them, his eyes 66
the High King, approached him,	Finn	said, 'I have kept the 67
' And that is how	Finn	Mac Cumhail became captain 73
been before him. And under	Finn	of , the Fianna came to its 75
to one captain only —	Finn	Mac Cumhail. Under him, he 82
outside attack. It was with	Finn	Mac Cumhail that the Fianna 83

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1988 / Fionn

FIONN.....25 (1988)		
of Tara Many years after	Fionn	had tasted the Salmon of 33
near the High King's palace,	Fionn	heard the sounds of music 33
was holding a great feast.	Fionn	went in and sat among 33
the goblin's music. At last	Fionn	stood up. 'I am Fionn 39
Fionn stood up. 'I am	Fionn	, son of Cumhall," he 40
Fianna," promised the King.	Fionn	left the feast and went 42
great magic powers. Before long	Fionn	heard the sound of sweet 43
wide awake once more. Now	Fionn	could see the goblin coming 44
the walls of the palace,	Fionn	took off his cloak and 44
palace walls. Again and again	Fionn	beat out the fire with 44
He turned and ran, but	Fionn	was too quick for him 44
They were delighted to see	Fionn	standing before them, with the 45
kept his promise and made	Fionn	leader of the Fianna. All 46
Fianna were happy to have	Fionn	as their leader. They knew 46
running?" "My name is	Fionn	, " answered the boy. "My 80
will look after you."	Fionn	lived happily with Finegas. By 82
have great knowledge!" Quickly	Fionn	lit a big fire, and 86
taste it," he warned	Fionn	. Fionn sat watching the 87
it," he warned Fionn.	Fionn	salmon sat watching the salmon cook 88
blister and was burned. Quickly	Fionn	put his thumb into his 88
his eyes. In the cloud	Fionn	saw a fair-haired warrior 90
strange has happened," said	Fionn	leading , and he told Finegas what 92
Finegas angrily. "No," answered	Fionn	, "but I burned my thumb 94
the salmon had gone to	Fionn	. In later years everything 96
years everything happened just as	Fionn	happened had seen it in the 97

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FIONN.....18 (1983)		
3 / Book 4 / ?).	Fionn	and the Fianna The Fianna 86
rules of the Fianna. When	Fionn	was a boy he went 97
the Salmon of Knowledge to	Fionn	to cook. 'But do not 100
to taste the Salmon.'	Fionn	put the Salmon on a 101
and his thumb got burned.	Fionn	put his thumb into his 101
future. Finneigeas came back and	Fionn	told him what had happened 103
leader of the Fianna.'	Fionn	went to Tara. It was 105
Nobody could stop the monster.	Fionn	stood up. 'I will stop 107
warrior should lead the Fianna.	Fionn	took his magic spear and 108
out long tongues of flame.	Fionn	took off his cloak and 110

he turned and fled. But	Fionn	followed him and killed him	110
One morning early in summer,	Fionn	and the Fianna were hunting	137
was Oisín, the son of	Fionn	. There was a thick mist	137
was studded with bright jewels.	Fionn	spoke. He asked her who	139
go to Tir na nOg.	Fionn	was sad to see him	141
longed to see Ireland and	Fionn	and the Fianna once more	144
Ireland. But Ireland had changed.	Fionn	and the Fianna were long	146
Oisín told St Patrick about	Fionn	and the Fianna and the	151

And all that long night,	Cuchulainn	stayed by Ferdia. In the	219
It was many days before	Cuchulainn	was well again. The Ending	219
well again. The Ending While	Cuchulainn	rested, Maeve and her army	223
as Maeve marched to Ulster.	Cuchulainn	was the only warrior not	236
warrior not under the spell.	Cuchulainn	planned to stop Maeve's	238
champions were no match for	Cuchulainn	army	
brown bull of Cooley. Then	Cuchulainn	. He killed each one that	242
would be a match for	Cuchulainn	attacked them. 'You will not	243
Ferdia came. You must fight	Cuchulainn	. 'Send for Ferdia,' ordered	244
He got ready for battle.	Cuchulainn	, 'said Maeve. But Ferdia	247
first long day was over,	Cuchulainn	and Ferdia fought at a	251
was the stronger. He hit	Cuchulainn	and Ferdia threw down their	252
red stream in the river.	Cuchulainn	with his sword, and blood	255
unable to fight any longer.	Cuchulainn	let out a loud roar	256
	Cuchulainn	bent over his friend. He	256

#2

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Cuchulainn

CUCHULAINN...39 (1983)

in all of Ulster was	Cuchulainn	got his Name Conor Mac	1
He was not always called	Cuchulainn	. When he was a boy	6
When he was a child,	Cuchulainn	. Here is the story of	6
did. He became known as	Cuchulainn	was called Setanta. His	7
the great army from Connacht,	Cuchulainn	mother	
did not work on him.	Cuchulainn	- the hound of Culann	20
the Red Branch sleep!	Cuchulainn	. He had been away from	181
So right through the winter,	Cuchulainn	heard the sound of a	182
champion every day to fight	Cuchulainn	cried. And with his hand	183
and make camp.' But	Cuchulainn	kept at Maeve's army like	185
	Cuchulainn	. 'It is better that only	186
out each day to meet	Cuchulainn	killed each and every	188
day to meet Cuchulainn. But	Cuchulainn	champion	
strong and as brave as	Cuchulainn	. But Cuchulainn never lost,	188
Cuchulainn. His name was Ferdia.	Cuchulainn	though	
Ferdia heard that his blood-	Cuchulainn	never lost, though he got	188
brother,	Cuchulainn	. His name was Ferdia.	192
asked Ferdia to stand against	Cuchulainn	Cuchulainn	
fear. He is afraid of	Cuchulainn	and Ferdia had been great	192
stand against my dear friend,	Cuchulainn	, was guarding the gap	193
my good friend!' cried	Cuchulainn	against	
Next morning, before they started,	Cuchulainn	. Gold, silver, horses and	194
deeply into the side of	Cuchulainn	slaves	
as Ferdia's sword pressed into	Cuchulainn	! 'And the men of	195
Ferdia's sword pressed into	Cuchulainn	. This won't be easy for	198
Cuchulainn,	Cuchulainn	. 'Do you come to fight	204
Ferdia fall to the ground,	Cuchulainn	called out, 'Let us stop	211
	Cuchulainn	so that his blood ran	215
	Cuchulainn	, Cuchulainn took the life of	215
	Cuchulainn	took the life of his	215
	Cuchulainn	ran to him and carried	217

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1988 / Cuchulainn

CUCHULAINN...12 (1988)

. How	Cuchulainn	Got his Name Long ago	1
on Setanta was known as	Cuchulainn	, which means the hound of	28
Fight at the Ford When	Cuchulainn	grew up, he joined the	102
had all fallen asleep. Only	Cuchulainn	escaped the spell. He was	110
left to fight Meabh's army.	Cuchulainn	met Meabh's army at a	111
warriors to fight him. But	Cuchulainn	was too strong for all	111
am sending you to fight	Cuchulainn	, "said Meabh. "But	112
Cuchulainn," said Meabh. "But	Cuchulainn	Cuchulainn	
Sadly, he agreed to fight	Cuchulainn	is my friend," said	113
seemed to be the stronger.	Cuchulainn	. Next morning the two	115
Bolg. Using all his strength,	Cuchulainn	warriors	
the middle of the river.	Cuchulainn	had a magic spear called	119
	Cuchulainn	threw the Gae Bolg at	119
	Cuchulainn	threw his arms around his	120

#3

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Maeve

MAEVE.....36 (1983)

Irish Legend. The Listing Queen	Maeve	sat with her husband Ailill	157
have made you!' Queen	Maeve	lifted her head and shook	159
owned. For everything Ailill owned,	Maeve	owned the same. For every	161
you have it,' said	Maeve	, 'name it and I shall	165
great smile on his face.	Maeve	, knowing that she owned no	167
Brown Bull The next morning,	Maeve	sent out her servants to	171
Cooley in Ulster. And when	Maeve	heard of this bull, her	172

like a wind-blown fog. First,	Maeve	tried to get the bull	173
the days went by until	Maeve	could wait no longer. She	174
was ready to go north.	Maeve	herself was at their head	178
To show them the way,	Maeve	had a man called Fergus	180
flowing behind her, was Queen	Maeve	herself! 'No army will come	182
went by. And at last	Maeve	decided to send out one	186
should fall,' said Queen	Maeve	. 'While the fight lasts each	187
killed each and every champion	Maeve	sent. Soon, Maeve broke her	188
every champion Maeve sent. Soon,	Maeve	broke her word and sent	188
old friend. Again and again,	Maeve	asked Ferdia to stand	194
his tent. Then one night,	Maeve	against	194
long, Ferdia himself heard what	Maeve	stood before her men and	195
won't be called a coward!	Maeve	had said about him. In	197
Connacht cheered and shouted. And	Maeve	will see her mouse turn	198
and stand with me against	Maeve	, standing with Ailill by their	199
away from the eyes of	Maeve	. 'Slowly and sadly, Ferdia	211
The Ending While Cuchulainn rested,	Maeve	and her army. Tears flowed	217
their sleep to fight her,	Maeve	and her army moved on	223
Brown Bull of Cooley Queen	Maeve	had the great animal brought	224
out who was richer -	Maeve	and her husband Ailill ruled	234
had a big white bull.	Maeve	or Ailill. They each had	234
Daire, who lived in Ulster.	Maeve	had no bull to match	234
time. They lay asleep as	Maeve	wanted the brown bull. She	235
until the next day.'	Maeve	marched to Ulster.	236
to Connaught,' he said.	Maeve	Cuchulainn was	242
'Send for Ferdia,' ordered	Maeve	agreed to the plan. The	244
must fight Cuchulainn,' said	Maeve	had only one champion who	244
to fight him,' shouted	Maeve	. Ferdia came. You must	245
joined the army of Queen	Maeve	fight	245
		. But Ferdia said:	247
		`Cuchulainn is	247
		. 'If you do not, you	249
		, Conor's enemy. The druid	280
		had	280

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1988 / Meabh

MEABH.....13 (1988)			
Knights. At that time, Queen	Meabh	ruled Connacht. One night	102
Meabh ruled Connacht. One night	Meabh	Meabh	102
a huge white bull, and	Meabh	and her husband Ailill began	102
had nothing to equal him.	Meabh	had nothing to equal him	102
who lives in Ulster."	Meabh	was jealous. She called her	103
Dáire was pleased that Queen	Meabh	made up her mind to	105
give the Brown Bull to	Meabh	should want his bull, and	105
	Meabh	, " they told Dáire. "If	106

When the messengers returned home,	Meabh	gathered her army and set	109
a river ford. Each day	Meabh	sent one of her best	111
of Meabh's army were killed.	Meabh	was angry. She sent for	111
to fight Cuchulainn," said	Meabh	. "But Cuchulainn is my	112
afraid of him," lied	Meabh	friend	112
" lied Meabh. Ferdia believed	Meabh	. Ferdia believed Meabh.	114
	Meabh	Sadly, he	114
	Meabh	. Sadly, he agreed to fight	115

#4

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Ferdia

FERDIA.....26 (1983)			
before the fight was over.	Ferdia	Now in Maeve's army at	191
as Cuchulainn. His name was	Ferdia	. Cuchulainn and Ferdia had	192
name was Ferdia. Cuchulainn and	Ferdia	been	192
in all dangers. Now, when	Ferdia	had been great friends since	192
tent and would not fight.	Ferdia	heard that his blood-brother,	193
Again and again, Maeve asked	Ferdia	Cuchulainn	193
time again I have asked	Ferdia	did not want to hurt	193
know why this is so.	Ferdia	to stand against Cuchulainn.	194
the camp would speak to	Ferdia	Gold	194
speak to Ferdia. Before long,	Ferdia	to fight. Each time he	195
day for me,' answered	Ferdia	is a broken man and	195
Maeve.' Slowly and sadly,	Ferdia	. Before long, Ferdia himself	196
white-hot. After a long time,	Ferdia	heard	196
gae bolga. When he saw	Ferdia	himself heard what Maeve	197
game until this one with	Ferdia	had	197
long night, Cuchulainn stayed by	Ferdia	, 'but there is no way	205
match for Cuchulainn. 'Send for	Ferdia	answered, 'I cannot do that	212
for Ferdia,' ordered Maeve.	Ferdia	pressed his sword deeply into	215
Cuchulainn,' said Maeve. But	Ferdia	fall to the ground, Cuchulainn	217
not a coward,' said	Ferdia	! ' he cried. And all	219
ready for battle. Cuchulainn and	Ferdia	. In the morning, he left	219
day was over, Cuchulainn and	Ferdia	, ' ordered Maeve. Ferdia	245
fight on the fourth day.	Ferdia	came	245
aimed it at his friend	Ferdia	came. You must fight	246
	Ferdia	Cuchulainn	246
	Ferdia	said: `Cuchulainn is my best	248
	Ferdia	. 'I will fight.' He	250
	Ferdia	fought at a ford in	251
	Ferdia	threw down their weapons.	252
	Ferdia	They	252
	Ferdia	was the stronger. He hit	255
	Ferdia	. He threw the spear. It	256

went straight through Ferdia's body.	Ferdia	fell down, unable to fight	256
north side of the river.	Ferdia	died there in Cuchulainn's arms	256

#5

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Conor

CONOR.....21 (1983)

Cuchulainn got his Name	Conor	Mac Nessa was king of	3
mother was a sister of	Conor	Mac Nessa. She lived with	7
off. Setanta was brought to	Conor	Mac Nessa. "Who is this	12
this new boy:" asked	Conor	. "I am Setanta, your sister's	12
your sister's child,"said Setanta.	Conor	looked at him. "You are	12
strong and brave," said	Conor	. "You must join the Macra	12
must join the Macra."	Conor	Mac Nessa made peace between	12
feast. Setanta was invited with	Conor	Mac Nessa. But he was	14
a game of hurling when	Conor	left for the feast. He	14
are all here," said	Conor	. Culann owned the fiercest hound	15
the brown bull of Cooley.	Conor	Mac Nessa and his army	236
a king in Ulster named	Conor	Mac Nessa. One day a	262
her there and then, but	Conor	stopped them. `You will not	262
will marry her myself.'	Conor	built a secret house in	264
across the sea from Ireland.	Conor	Mac Nessa was very angry	275
Ulster. But Naoise's friends begged	Conor	to allow Deirdre and Naoise	275
and Naoise to come back.	Conor	agreed at last. Deirdre and	275
went to the palace of	Conor	. They were full of joy	275
They were full of joy.	Conor	Mac Nessa was told that	277
sad. She would not marry	Conor	. Never again did she smile	278
friends were very angry with	Conor	Mac Nessa. They attacked his	280