

1980s Texts / Top 5 Common Types	
day	- 49 / great - 32 / bull - 32 / long - 25 / fight - 25

#1

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Day

DAY.....32 (1983)			
the Red Branch Knights. One	day	, Culann held a great feast	14
burnt to nothing. To this	day	, the place where the cloak	63
to learn about poetry. One	day	the old poet caught a	98
warrior in Ireland. From this	day	you shall be leader of	112
is said, to this very	day	. The children spent three hundred	126
Niamh and Oisín. That very	day	Niamh and Oisín were married	143
said, 'it was a lucky	day	for you when you became	158
of Connacht. And before that	day	was over, she had found	171
send out one champion every	day	to fight Cúchulainn. 'It is	186
man should be killed each	day	than that many should fall	187
'While the fight lasts each	day	, our army may move out	187
champion after champion out each	day	to meet Cúchulainn. But	188
got little rest during the	day	Cúchulainn	188
stays in his tent each	day	or sleep at night. And	188
' 'It is a black	day	. His sword and spear have	195
they used their swords. All	day	for me,' answered Ferdia	205
Again they stopped when the	day	long the battle lasted. When	207
met again on the next	day	was done. But this time	213
once they began to fight.	Day	. So strongly did they fight	215
to die itself the next	day	and night the two huge	225
her. 'Send one champion each	day	from its wounds. And so	226
must stop until the next	day	, 'he said. 'While I	239
and fro on a summer's	day	. 'Maeve agreed to the	241
day. When the first long	day	. When the first long day	251
other's wounds. At sunrise next	day	was over, Cúchulainn and Ferdia	252
the ford. They fought all	day	, the fight began again. They	253
At sunrise on the third	day	. That night, their wounds were	253
his best friend the next	day	, the fight began again. It	254
the fight on the fourth	day	. No food was shared. No	254
named Conor Mac Nessa. One	day	. Ferdia was the stronger. He	255
very beautiful woman. One winter's	day	a beautiful baby girl was	262
died with him. From that	day	, she saw the blood of	265
		on Deirdre was very sad	278

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1988 / Day

DAY.....17 (1988)			
the other boys. That very	day	Setanta joined the Macra of	13
the Red Branch Knights. One	day	he invited King Conor and	14
I will guard your house	day	and night." From that	27
and night." From that	day	on Setanta was known as	28
cheerful children until one sad	day	their mother died. After some	51
all his love." One	day	Aoife took the children in	54
shores of Lake Derravaragh. The	day	was very hot, and the	54
on the river bank. Each	day	he fished for the Salmon	76
have its great powers. One	day	, as he was fishing, a	77
lived happily with Finegas. By	day	he cleaned the hut and	82
at a river ford. Each	day	Meabh sent one of her	111
ford. The fight lasted all	day	long. In the evening they	116
by side. On the second	day	they fought with long spears	117
spears. The fight lasted all	day	long. In the evening they	117
by side. On the third	day	they fought with their heaviest	118
of them would die next	day	. At dawn next morning, the	118
battle began again. As the	day	passed, Ferdia seemed to be	119

#2

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Great

GREAT.....32 (1983)			
Eamhain Macha. Setanta was a	great	athlete and a very good	8
One day, Culann held a	great	feast. Setanta was invited with	14
it come to pass? A	great	story it is, and soon	28
as a fish in the	great	sea, Finn Mac Cumhail knew	30
held a feast in his	great	hall. From all over Ireland	31
Samhein, So in through the	great	gate of Tara went Finn	32
rath nearby and burned the	great	hall of Tara to the	41
midnight, the roof of the	great	hall would be set ablaze	43
This is a spear of	great	magic that must be kept	56
- the red of a	great	fire! His hair was white	62
mouth and out came a	great	rolling ball of green flame	63
back his arm, took two	great	steps and threw the spear	64
Cumhail that the Fianna became	great	. And it was with his	83
banquet. But they had one	great	fear. Every year at Samhain	105
Oisín were married and a	great	feast was held. Oisín was	143
But the effort was so	great	that his saddle strap broke	148
to Tir na nOg. A	great	change came over Oisín. He	150
Ailill sat back with a	great	smile on his face. Maeve	166
wonderful as Ailill's. On its	great	back, thirty men could sit	172
heard of this bull, her	great	sadness lifted like a wind-blown	172

winter by the time Maeve's go!' With that, the	great	army was ready to go	178
On and on marched the	great	army set off on the	180
one man stood against the	great	army. So many horses were	180
heard the sound of a	great	army from Connacht, Cuchulainn.	181
nearer. Soon he saw the	great	He	
gave a blow to a	great	army of men and horses	182
Cuchulainn and Ferdia had been	great	army itself! And at its	182
they were children. They had	great	rock by which he stood	183
And so it was, in	great	friends since they were children	192
fight her, Maeve had the	great	love for each other and	192
wounds. And so ended the	great	sadness, that the two friends	203
	great	animal brought swiftly back to	224
	great	Cattle Raid of Cooley —	227

#3

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Bull

BULL.....32 (1983)			
and as much land. Ailill's	Bull	But then Ailill said, 'There	163
'I have a white-horned	bull	, ' said Ailill, 'the colour	166
knowing that she owned no	bull	like this one, was silent	167
of the night. The Brown	Bull	The next morning, Maeve sent	170
over the land for a	bull	as fine as Ailill's -	171
fine as Ailill's - a	bull	to match the white-horned bull	171
bull to match the white-horned	bull	of Connacht. And before that	171
had found it! A brown	bull	, in every way as wonderful	171
all over Ireland. The brown	bull	was owned by a man	172
when Maeve heard of this	bull	, her great sadness lifted like	172
Maeve tried to get the	bull	by asking. She sent her	173
Ulster and bring the Brown	Bull	of Cooley back to Connacht	174
'We will soon have this	bull	of Cooley!' she called	179
she had taken the Brown	Bull	of Cooley and fifty cows	223
try to get the Brown	Bull	of Cooley back, so the	224
end. In Connacht, Ailill's white-	bull	and the Brown Bull of	225
horned			
white-horned bull and the Brown	Bull	of Cooley met each other	225
as they did. The Brown	Bull	of Cooley was the winner	226
4 / 1983). The Brown	Bull	of Cooley Queen Maeve and	232
Ailill had a big white	bull	. Maeve had no bull to	234
white bull. Maeve had no	bull	to match Ailill's. The brown	234
to match Ailill's. The brown	bull	of Cooley was the only	235
of Cooley was the only	bull	in Ireland as good as	235
as good as Ailill's white	bull	. It was owned by a	235
Ulster. Maeve wanted the brown	bull	. She called her army together	235
Ulster to capture the brown	bull	of Cooley. Conor Mac Nessa	235

Ulster. They captured the brown	bull	of Cooley. Then Cuchulainn	243
will not take the brown	bull	attacked	
army still had the brown	bull	of Cooley to Connaught, '	243
him to Connaught. The brown	bull	of Cooley. They took him	257
brown bull killed the white	bull	killed the white bull and	258
the end of the brown	bull	and then set off back	258
	bull	of Cooley. (Pathways in History	258

#4

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Long

LONG.....25 (1983)			
It had huge jaws and	long	, sharp teeth. This hound was	16
the room - and as	long	as they left their weapons	31
His hair was white and	long	, and his face was the	62
of Poetry, then all the	long	stories of Erin. Only if	79
The Fianna lived in Ireland	long	, long ago. They were brave	88
Fianna lived in Ireland long,	long	ago. They were brave warriors	88
monster came. He sent out	long	tongues of flame. Fionn took	110
Lir. who lived in Ireland	long	ago. He had four children	117
called their names. After a	long	time they came to her	130
grave. They had lived a	long	, sad life. (Pathways in History	132
snow-white horse. She wore a	long	silk dress of red and	138
on her head. She had	long	bright golden hair that hung	138
over the water. After a	long	journey they reached Tir na	142
Fionn and the Fianna were	long	since dead. Oisín was alone	146
army set off on the	long	road to Ulster. To show	180
would speak to Ferdia. Before	long	, Ferdia himself heard what	197
used their swords. All day	long	Maeve	
swords became white-hot. After a	long	the battle lasted. When the	207
he cried. And all that	long	time, Ferdia pressed his sword	215
her army moved on. Before	long	night, Cuchulainn stayed by	219
summer's day. When the first	long	Ferdia	
Gae Bolga. It was a	long	, she had taken the Brown	223
1983). Deirdre of the Sorrows	long	day was over, Cuchulainn and	252
Deirdre of the Sorrows Long,	Long	, sharp spear. He aimed it	256
Deirdre to him. Naoise fought	long	, long ago, there was a	262
	long	ago, there was a king	262
	long	and hard but, in the	277

#5

Most Frequently used Lexical Words / 1983 / Fight

FIGHT.....25 (1983)

Macra, boys learned how to	fight	and how to use weapons	4
that they were angry. A	fight	started. They attacked Setanta,	10
you cross the sea and	fight	but	
one champion every day to	fight	with another king?' 'I	71
said Queen Maeve. 'While the	fight	Cuchulainn. 'It is better that	186
may move out. When the	fight	lasts each day, our army	187
to move on before the	fight	is over, we will stop	187
own tent and would not	fight	was over. Ferdia Now in	188
I have asked Ferdia to	fight	. Ferdia did not want to	193
Her trick had worked! The	fight	. Each time he has refused	195
Cuchulainn. 'Do you come to	Fight	at the Ford And so	202
out.' And so the	fight	me too?' 'It is	204
day. So strongly did they	fight	began. First the two warriors	206
at Ferdia's dead face. 'Every	fight	now that their spears were	215
out of their sleep to	fight	I took on was a	219
At once they began to	fight	her, Maeve had the great	224
' he said. 'While I	fight	. Day and night the two	225
agreed to the plan. The	fight	your champion, your army may	240
Maeve. Ferdia came. You must	fight	began. But Maeve's champions	242
' 'I order you to	fight	were	
' said Ferdia. 'I will	fight	Cuchulainn,' said Maeve. But	247
At sunrise next day, the	fight	him,' shouted Maeve. 'If	249
on the third day, the	fight	. ' He got ready for	250
and wounded, they began the	fight	began again. They fought with	253
Ferdia fell down, unable to	fight	began again. It was more	254
	fight	on the fourth day. Ferdia	255
	fight	any longer. Cuchulainn bent over	256