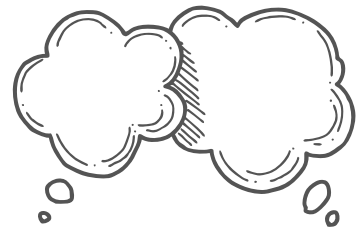


ON REFLECTION



Memorialising... the Battle of Culloden

On Wednesday 16th April, 1746, the last pitched battle to be fought on British soil took place. On the wet moorland of Culloden, the Jacobite Army began the battle already exhausted, hungry and bedraggled.

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EXPLORE

As the armies assembled, a wind rallied from the east and drizzle turned heavier. On that awful day, the charging Highland clansmen reached within just 300 metres and were met by heavy gunfire. Government artillerymen fired grapeshot (canisters full of lead shot). The government army had been well trained that year. As the Highlanders continued, the redcoats stood their ground, discharging their muskets then reloading to fire again.

One witness described hundreds of clansmen falling at the first volley. Of Clan Chattan's twenty-one officers, only three survived the day.

One and a half thousands Jacobites lay dead or dying by the end of the battle, the majority injured in the opening moments. Many of them were scattered with their possessions – including dropped broadswords and targes.

Explore the targe replicas on this site from Glencoe Folk Museum.

Why do you think Highlanders may have felt pride as they carried them?

Have a go at the Design Your Own Targe activity.



2

READ

Read the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie to find out more about the long night march before battle commenced.

3

TRY IT YOURSELF

A targe weighed around 2kg, or 4 to 5lbs. That's the weight of around a couple of large bags of sugar, or the biggest book you can find in your school library.

Weight a selection of objects to find out roughly how heavy a targe was. Now imagine carrying this weight on the long march through the night when you'd barely had any food.



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DECIDE

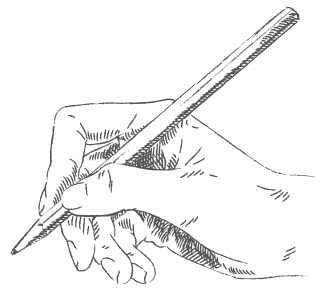
Would you prefer to celebrate the Jacobite cause and perhaps some important Highland traditions? Or would you prefer to reflect, remember and mourn?



5

CREATE A COMMEMORATION

Use this page to plan your ideas.



Who do you want to commemorate?

Why do you want to remember what happened to them?

What could your design look like? What shapes or pictures could you include?

What message could you write?

