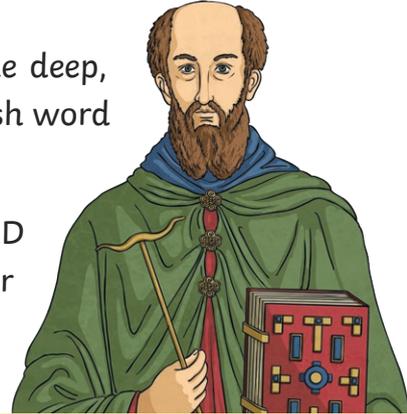


The Loch Ness Monster

The Legend of Loch Ness

The Loch Ness monster, Nessie, is said to live in the deep, dark waters of Loch Ness, Scotland. Loch is a Scottish word for lake.

The story of Nessie was said to have started in AD 565. A monk called Columba saw a giant 'water beast' coming out of the water. He said a prayer to scare the monster away.



Believe It or Not?

- Some scientists think that Nessie was a dinosaur.
- Part of the loch is 812ft deep. It has been named Nessie's Lair.
- There are over 200 000 Internet searches for Nessie every month.
- Nessie has her own fan club.
- Even Scooby Doo has tried to find Nessie!

Fact or Fiction?

Nobody has ever proved Nessie to be real. However, there have been over 1000 sightings since the legend began. Three people have already spotted Nessie in 2017! Over one million people visit the loch every year to try and spot the famous monster.

Famous Nessie Sightings:



Sighting

Evidence

Hoax

In 1934, a surgeon called Robert White said that he saw Nessie's head coming out of the water.



It was a toy submarine with a fake head and tail.

In 1935, a hunter said he found a footprint on the banks of Loch Ness.



It was made with a stuffed hippo foot.

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It was a model of Nessie.

In 2014, Nessie was spotted on a satellite photo.



It was the wake of a boat.

Questions

1. Where is Loch Ness?

Loch Ness is _____

2. What is a loch?

a river

a lake

a sea

3. What two adjectives are used to describe the loch?

4. True or false.

Nessie was first spotted in 1565.

The loch is 812ft deep.

Loch Ness is in England.

Three people have spotted Nessie in 2017.

5. Why did people lie about seeing Nessie?

6. What did Robert White say he saw in the water?

7. Do you think Nessie is real? Give a reason for your answer.

8. Write two facts that you have learnt about the Loch Ness monster.

Challenge

Write about the day you saw Nessie.

Answers

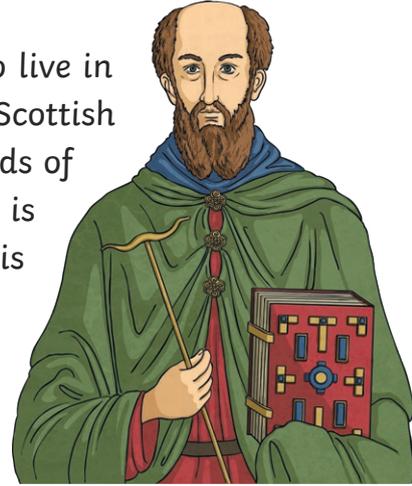
1. Where is Loch Ness?
Loch Ness is in Scotland.
 2. What is a loch?
A lake
 3. What two adjectives are used to describe the loch?
The adjectives are deep and dark.
 4. True or false.
Nessie was first spotted in 1565. – False
The loch is 812ft deep. – True
Loch Ness is in England. - False
Three people have spotted Nessie in 2017. – True
 5. Why did people lie about seeing Nessie?
People may have lied about seeing Nessie to get money, to become famous or to play a trick. Answers may vary.
 6. What did Robert White say he saw in the water?
Robert White said he saw Nessie's head coming out of the water.
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Answers may vary.
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The Loch Ness monster, known as Nessie, is said to live in the deep, murky waters of Loch Ness. Loch is a Scottish word for lake. Loch Ness is located in the Highlands of Scotland next to the town of Inverness. The loch is the second largest in Scotland. The deepest part is 812ft and it has been named Nessie's Lair.

The first story of Nessie, the monster in the loch, dates back to AD 565. A monk called Columba encountered a giant 'water beast' coming out of Loch Ness. Legend tells that Columba said a prayer and scared the monster off.

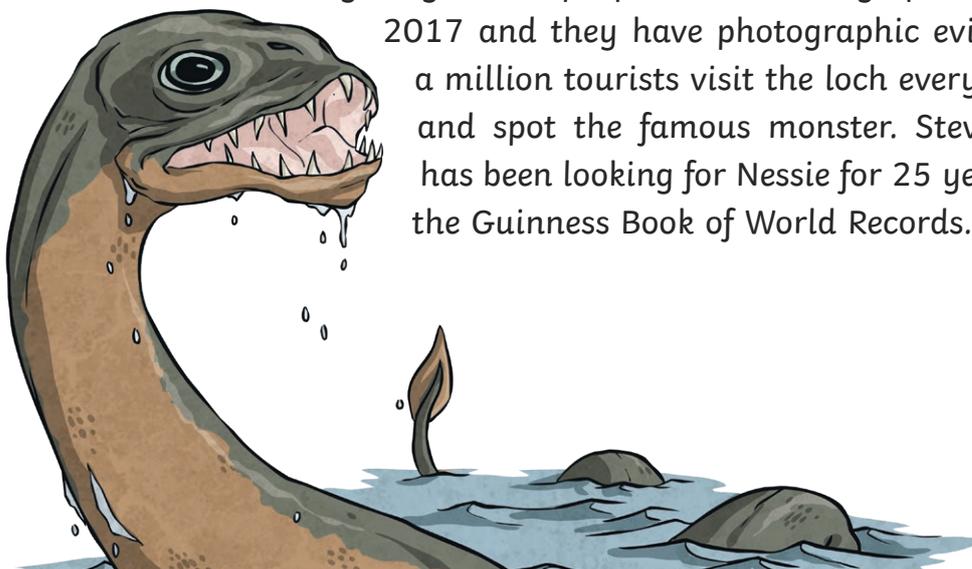


Believe It or Not?

- Some scientists think that Nessie was a marine dinosaur.
- There are over 200 000 Internet searches for Nessie every month.
- Nessie has her own fan club.
- The largest search for the monster cost £1 million.
- Even Scooby Doo has tried to find Nessie – he too was unsuccessful!

Fact or Fiction?

Nobody has ever proved Nessie to be real. However, there have been over 1000 sightings since the legend began; there is even an official website to report a sighting. Three people have already spotted Nessie in 2017 and they have photographic evidence. Over a million tourists visit the loch every year to try and spot the famous monster. Steven Feltham has been looking for Nessie for 25 years. He is in the Guinness Book of World Records.



Famous Nessie Sightings:

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Questions

1. Where is Loch Ness?

2. Complete the sentence.

The deepest part of the loch is known as _____

3. What is a lair?

4. What two adjectives were used to describe the loch?

5. When did the legend of Nessie begin and why?

6. What do you think Columba saw in the loch?

7. Why do people lie about seeing Nessie?

8. Do you think Nessie exists? Give a reason for your answer.

9. Draw a line to match the date to the hoax information.

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2014 A hunter said he found Nessie's footprint.

10. Write three facts you have learnt about the Loch Ness monster.

Challenge

You have a photograph of the Loch Ness monster and are about to become world-famous. Write a diary entry about your discovery and draw a picture of your photograph.

Answers

- Where is Loch Ness?
Loch Ness is in Scotland.
- Complete the sentence.
A lake
- What is a lair?
A lair is an animal's home or a secret place.
- What two adjectives were used to describe the loch?
Two adjectives are deep and murky.
- When did the legend of Nessie begin and why?
The legend of Nessie began in AD 565 when a monk spotted a giant 'water beast' in the loch.
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Answers many vary.
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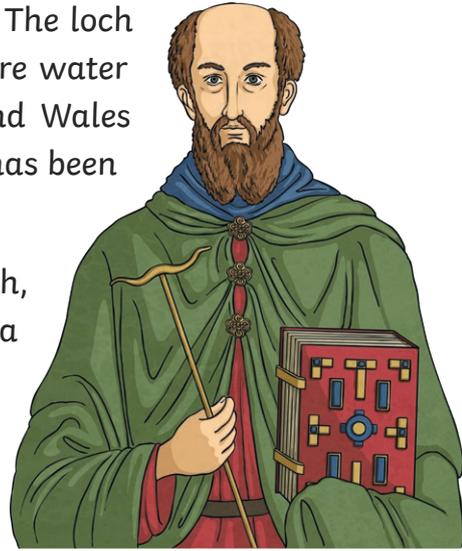
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The Loch Ness monster, famously known as Nessie, is said to live in the deep, murky waters of Loch Ness. The loch is the second largest in Scotland and holds more water than all of the lakes and rivers of England and Wales combined. Part of the loch is 812ft deep and it has been named Nessie's Lair.

The first story of Nessie, the monster in the loch, dates back to AD 565. A monk called Columba was on a pilgrimage to Scotland and as he was about to cross Loch Ness, he encountered a giant 'water beast' coming out of the water. Legend tells that Columba said a prayer and scared the monster off.



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Steve Feltham has been searching for Nessie for over 25 years. He has been recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest continuous vigil hunting for the Loch Ness monster.



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Searching for Nessie

- In 1934, the first official search to uncover the mystery of Loch Ness took place. 20 men were paid £2 a day to be 'monster' spotters but nothing was spotted.
- The largest search to date was in 1987. It was called Operation Deepscan and it cost £1 million. Researchers used sonar technology and underwater cameras to look for Nessie. They searched 60% of the loch and the only evidence they uncovered was something 'larger than a shark but smaller than a whale'.
- Even Scooby Doo has searched for Nessie, but he was unsuccessful too!

Questions

1. Write two pieces of information about Loch Ness.

2. In AD 565, why was Nessie referred to as the monster in the loch?

3. What do you think Columba saw in the loch?

4. Why is Nessie important for Scottish tourism?

5. Which word in the text tells the reader Steven Feltham stayed awake for a long time?

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7. Why did the first official search begin in 1934?

8. Does Nessie exist? Give a reason for your answer.

9. After Operation Deepscan, give two reasons why people might think Nessie exists?

10. Write three facts you have learnt about the Loch Ness monster.

Challenge

You have a photograph of the Loch Ness monster and are about to become world-famous. Write a diary entry about your discovery. Think about how people will react to your news, will they believe you?

Answers

- Write two pieces of information about Loch Ness.
It is the second largest loch in Scotland.
It holds more water than all of the lakes and rivers in England and Wales combined.
It is 812ft deep.
It is in the Highlands of Scotland.
- In AD 565, why was Nessie referred to as the monster in the loch?
Nessie was referred to as the monster in the loch because Columba described it as a giant water beast.
- What do you think Columba saw in the loch?
Answers may vary.
- Why is Nessie important for Scottish tourism?
Nessie is important to Scottish tourism because millions of people visit to try and spot her.
- Which word in the text tells the reader Steven Feltham stayed awake for a long time?
The word in the text is vigil.
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- Why did the first official search begin in 1934?
The reason why the first official search began in 1934 was because the famous surgeon's photograph was released. (Answers may vary.)
- Does Nessie exist? Give a reason for your answer.
Answers may vary.
- After Operation Deepscan, give two reasons why people might think Nessie exists?
People might think Nessie exists because only 60% of the loch was explored and scientists saw a large creature in the water.
- Write three facts you have learnt about the Loch Ness monster.
Answers may vary.