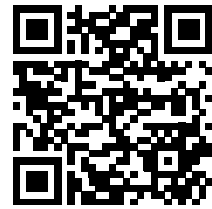


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## Gaelic Warriors of Ireland



In early medieval Ireland, \_\_\_\_\_ warfare was a significant aspect of society. Warriors fought mainly on foot, and their weapon of choice was the \_\_\_\_\_. Swords were also used, but they were more prestigious and less common. The \_\_\_\_\_ wore minimal armor, sometimes only leather garments for protection. The \_\_\_\_\_ was an essential part of their defense. Battles were often fought between rival \_\_\_\_\_, seeking control over land or to settle disputes. The \_\_\_\_\_, once popular, became less common in this period, replaced by cavalry in some \_\_\_\_\_. Raids on neighboring territories were frequent, aiming to capture \_\_\_\_\_, a valuable resource. The Brehon laws provided a legal framework for \_\_\_\_\_, outlining fair conduct during conflicts. Leadership in battle was typically held by the \_\_\_\_\_ of a clan or a chosen champion. Strategies in Gaelic warfare often involved surprise attacks and \_\_\_\_\_. The landscape of Ireland, with its forests and bogs, played a crucial role in these \_\_\_\_\_. Despite the fierce nature of these engagements, there were also periods of peace and cultural \_\_\_\_\_, highlighting the complexity of Gaelic society.

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