Colm Cille Activity Trail at the Tower Museum
1. Look at the panel ‘Early Christian Derry’ and fill in the missing words.

According to legend Colm Cille came to Derry and built a monastery in 5 ___.

It is believed that this monastery was set near the present day site of S ___ A ____ C _____.

The Monks lived in H ____ made from H ____ W ______. 

2. Find the panel ‘Life in Early Christian Times’ and answer the following questions.

Life in early Christian times was very simple. People mainly lived off the land and were ruled by:

A. Brehon Law □
B. Irish Law □
C. Derry Law □

Tick the correct answer

People lived on the land where F ______ was the main way of life.
3. Look closely at the high cross. What was it used for?

Design your own high cross on the blank outline provided.

4. Imagine that you are a monk living in the monastery with Colm Cille. Using the information below write a postcard to a friend telling them about your time at the monastery.

Typical day for a monk
6am: Matins 9am: Terce Midday: Sext
3pm: None 6pm: Vespers Midnight: Vigil
The story of how Colm Cille copied a manuscript called the Cathach without St Finnian's permission is a very famous one. Colm Cille refused to give the book back to Finnian and referred the matter to Diarmuid, the high King who ordered the book to be returned to Finnian. Colm Cille refused and this led to The Battle of Cul Dreimne in 561 where many men were killed. It is said to be one of the main reasons why Colm Cille left Ireland.

Write a short newspaper report on this story. How do you think people felt about this? What would you have done if you were Colm Cille?

Title:

Report:

Look at the boat on display. What wood is the boat made from?

On the map, mark in the route Colm Cille would have taken from Derry to Iona.

From the information you have learned about Colm Cille fill in the fact file below about the key events in Colm Cille’s life.

Name: 

Description: 

Personality: 

Famous For: 

Other Information: 

Sources: 

Iona

Derry

Ireland

Scotland