

# DID YOU KNOW?

A HISTORY OF IRELAND IN 100 OBJECTS, A SELECTION  
5TH & 6TH CLASS LESSON PLAN

## Mesolithic Fish Trap c.5000BC



In the Stone Age, Mesolithic era, you were an adult at around 14.

‘Mesolithic’ actually means ‘middle Stone Age’  
and ‘Neolithic’ ‘new Stone Age’.

Ireland was almost completely covered in forests at this time.

During the Mesolithic era, the population of the whole of Ireland was only  
around 5,000 - the same as a small town nowadays.

The population of the entire island of Ireland is now over  
1,000 times greater, at 6.3 million.