

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Tall cross, Monasterboice late-ninth century



The earliest crosses were made of wood or metal and were much smaller than the wonderful high crosses we see today.

Sandstone is quite soft as stones go.

It's quite easy to carve images on sandstone – if you're good at that kind of thing!

Replicas were made of six high crosses, including the Tall cross, Monasterboice. They were exhibited at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks. Then they were exhibited in Japan where more than two million people saw them!

There are many, many subdivisions of Christianity, for example, Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodox etc.