



Irvine Burns Club - What do you see?

Young Visitor Sheet – B – the Burns Room

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The mural (a wall painting) of Robert Burns and the eight months he spent in Irvine

**** PLEASE STAND AT LEAST 3 FEET (1 METRE) AWAY FROM THE MURALS ****

Look at the left hand wall.

(a) What Irvine street is this?

(b) The year is 1781. Burns was born in 1759. How old is he here?

(c) Irvine was quite different from other towns he knew. In what way would Irvine be different?

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(d) William Templeton, the bookshop owner, allowed Robert Burns to read books free. Guess what sort of books might Burns have been reading?

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(e) Old gravestones have interesting carvings on them. Can you make out what is on the gravestones shown here?

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2. Look at the wall on your right.

(a) How were ships powered in those days?

(b) How were goods transported to and from the harbour?

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(c) Richard Brown was born in 1753. How many years older than Burns was he?

(d) On what day of the week did they walk in Eglinton woods?
and why would they choose that day for a walk?

3. Look at the wall behind the door.

(a) Where are people finding water to put out the fire in the heckling workshop?

(b) How are people getting the water from there to the fire?

(c) Here is the Heckling workshop today:



How many of your group have walked past it?

How many of your group know where it is?