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MEET MORAG!

The 'Other' Scottish Monster

Loch Morar (Loch is the Scottish dialect word for Lake) is where many people have witnessed a Morag sighting! The Loch is the deepest freshwater body of water in the British Isles and a perfect place for this 20-foot-long monster to go unnoticed for years.

Researchers have uncovered early accounts of the Loch Ness Monster's lesser-known cousin, and there are various descriptions of her! However, most of the sightings describe her as half-human, half-fish.

Many stories claim that she can be heard wailing in great distress, mourning, and weeping when someone dies.

As a rule, she only shows herself on Loch Morar whenever a member of a particular clan is about to die. The sight of Morag surfacing shows three distinct portions – one portion representing death, another a coffin, and the third a grave.

However, when she appears in her normal state, she is an attractive creature, like a beautiful mermaid with blue eyes and blonde hair, until you see the body portion, which looks more like a sea serpent.



Another Scottish monster? That's right! Meet Morag, the monster of Loch Morar.



Sometimes, you'll see her name written as "Mhorag." This is because the language spoken historically in the Highlands was Scots Gaelic, and "Mhorag" is the Scots Gaelic spelling of Morag.



Loch Morar happens to be the same Loch seen in numerous Hogwarts scenes for the Harry Potter films.

Draw a picture of what you think Morag looks like and enter our instagram art contest!

Submit your artwork to be featured on our instagram page!

WAYS TO SUBMIT:

- Follow us on instagram @scotlandintheclub
- Tag us on instagram showing us your artwork (@scotlandintheclub)
- Send us a DM with your work (@scotlandintheclub)

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KIDS NEED TO MOVE!

Move with your little ones by guiding their movements to some of your favorite Scottish music! Try out some of these movements that we use in our kids workshops to help them connect to the music and the culture!

MARCH TO PIPE MUSIC

Put on some of your favorite Highland pipe music and have your little one March behind you in a follow the leader style pattern. If you are daring, let them lead! Try to find faster tunes to match the faster heartbeat of children. Slower music is harder for children to move with.

Challenge

Use Scottish themed words to fit the beat as you march.

BONNIE

LADDIE

HIGHLAND

HOP TO THE MUSIC

This one is a favorite! This is especially fun if you challenge them to hop longer than you. Find your favorite Scottish dance music and encourage them to hop through the entire piece. You can prompt them to hop on one leg and then switch to the other.

BEAT THE DRUM TO THE BEAT OF THE MUSIC

Play some pipe band music and have your little one join in on the drums! Most people don't have drums around their home, and we've all made the mistake of giving our little ones the pots to beat. However, wooden bowls or wooden cutting boards with rubber spoons great options because they aren't so loud!

TARTAN

SELKIE

JUMP OVER THE YARDSTICK

If you have a few yardsticks, place them in a cross pattern and challenge your little one to jump in each square without touching the yardsticks! Then add the music and make the challenge again while they jump to the beat of the music.