

SOURCES TASK SHEET

Document 2 – Football friends or foes

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Click on the **Sources** tab. Find **Document 2 – Football Friends or Foes**.
Read the information and complete the tasks below.

DOCUMENT QUESTIONS

1. On what part of John's body was he injured?

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2. In what town did the game happen?

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3. What weapon caused the injury?

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4. How much did the injury cost William?

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5. What did the jury decide?

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CLASS DISCUSSION – Evidence

Discuss as a class for 5 minutes how this source may be used to find out more about medieval Dubliners. Use the discussion points below.

- What evidence is there that sports and danger were part of medieval life?
- The document says they were 'playing at ball'. It does not name the type of game. What ball games might they have been playing?
- People always carried knives. Do you think it was dangerous to wear a knife during a ball game?
- Around this time Newcastle Lyons had many Irish natives fighting against the arrival of Anglo-Normans in Ireland. With this in mind, why do you think John was wearing a knife?
- How could medieval ball games be made safer?

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TASK

You are a journalist sitting in court reporting on the case between Michael and John. Write a short report on the case for your class. Complete your article using the attached page.

Include in your article:

1. The facts of the case.
2. Describe the injury to William and what you think his reaction might have been (e.g. was it painful)?
3. How you think John felt (e.g. guilty, remorseful)?
4. Who you think may also have attended the court with John or William (e.g. wife, son)?
5. Do you think the men remained friends after?
6. Include a quote from John with what you imagine he might have said after the court ruling.

Newspaper article

Title By

