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## CELTIC FIGHTING SPIRIT

HOW CAN OUR PAST  
INSPIRE FUTURE  
GENERATIONS TO  
PERPETUATE THE CELTIC  
FIGHTING SPIRIT

You've probably heard these names before: Boudicca, Skaaha, Black Agnes and the Jacobites. Today, our article is dedicated to these fighters, to their history which we will see, still impacts our world.

The Celts spread widely in Europe during the Iron Age.

They were close to nature ; They were mostly farmers, nature was to be worshipped and respected. One of their specificity was their fighting spirit : they relentlessly fought against the Roman conquerors, using swords, spears and their incredible combativeness and belligerence. They were combative , determined, strong willed.

Women had a remarkable social status, they could take prominent roles and become judges, bards (storytellers), leaders... They could choose their marriage partners, divorce and inherit lands from mother to daughter. Like the priestess Boudicca that found herself in a very vulnerable situation ; she had just lost her husband , and the Roman empire was about to conquer Britannia. She was caught by the Roman soldiers and tortured (flogged).

But she still managed to empower her soldiers and win many battles because she was strong minded.

That's a quality that Skaaha , a leader has too. In fact, she was a powerful icon that embodies strength like Boudicca they both intimidating. Black Agnes is a woman known for the way she defended her husband's castle , no matter what.

She never surrendered like the previous figures. However her style was really different because she used a fun and unpredictable strategy by pretending to dust the walls. She threw down the gauntlet which is a real sign of her audacity. She embodies the type of feisty and daring heroines that also reminds us of Scotland in general : fighting for our independence, our culture..



**ATHENA T'ANGUI**  
**CELINE CHEN**

The Jacobites deserves their place among these iconic fighters because even though they were starving and exhausting they didn't give up and that's what striking about this painting. All of these celtic fighters were bold , brave , fierce. Their strong independence still today : Their influence is still prevalent now in Wales, Scotland and Ireland where Welsh and Gaelic languages are still being spoken and taught as a sign of cultural and intellectual independence. Queen Elizabeth and Victoria was inspired by their strength , bravery the fact that their standing against injustices. Those values are still present nowadays , they are the pillars of our society.