



President John F Kennedy's portrait which hangs in the White House

Lesson plan 3: America

In this lesson, we explore Ireland's links with the United States

Lesson 3: Irish/American Interconnections		
Lesson section	Specifications and methodologies	Time Allocated
Initial Stimulus Material	<p>SOL 6: The student appreciates and respects how diverse values, beliefs and traditions have contributed to the communities and culture in which he/she lives.</p> <p>Literacy; prediction: Project Google Maps on the whiteboard and ask students to identify Waterford, Tasmania & Montana on the map and what the link between these places could be.</p> <p>Show students the picture of Meagher outside the legislature in Montana and explain that he wrote an early version of the constitution. Ask students do they know what the term constitution means and then ask about the Irish constitution: show them this video on it https://beta.oireachtas.ie/en/visit-and-learn/teachers-and-students/cspe-videos/</p>	10 minutes
Learning outcomes; the Irish American links	<p>The Irish Brigade and the American Civil War: ask students to define civil war. Students date the Civil War in the timeline in their notebook.</p> <p>Project an image of JFK and ask students to write his name on whiteboards (or laminated white cardboard). Ask students why they think JFK visited Ireland.</p> <p>Literacy; paired reading: Print JFK's speech and distribute (https://www.oireachtas.ie/viewdoc.asp?DocID=21) Students identify whether it's a primary or secondary source, highlight key information and summarise the article in 25 words.</p>	20 minutes
Student assessment for learning	<p>Key words revision: centenary, century, revolutionary, primary & secondary source, bias, archive, museum, symbolism, famine, nationalism, chronology and civil war.</p> <p>In pairs, students take turns speaking for three minutes on the origins and inspirations for the Irish flag, who first introduced in Waterford and why they were politically active and the international connections that the flag and its creator forged.</p>	10 minutes
Plenary	<p>True or False revision quiz.</p> <p>Homework: revise using online sources https://www.symbaloo.com/home/mix/13eP74C8JR</p>	



Thomas F Meagher Battle Sword presented to Senator Ted Kennedy by Taoiseach Bertie Ahern in 2008 assisted by Senator Mark Daly



True or False Revision Quiz (15 Questions)	
True or False	Answer Key
The previous Irish flag was green with a harp.	True
Thomas Meagher first flew the flag in 1916.	False It was 1848
The Irish flag happened at the same time as the Irish famine.	True
Flying the flag indicated Ireland's independence from Britain.	True
The man who created the Irish flag was from Waterford.	True
Thomas Meagher was an Irish rebel involved in the Young Ireland rebellion of 1848.	True
Thomas Meagher was also involved in the American Civil War.	True
Meagher was also the governor of the state of Montana.	True
Meagher was sentenced to the prison colony Van Dieman's Land which is now Australia.	True
The orange colour in the flag symbolises Protestants.	True
White is the colour most symbolic of peace.	True
The French flag was inspired by the Irish flag.	False
The green in the flag represents our farming heritage.	False
The flag is sometimes called the Tricolour.	True
The Irish flag looks like the Ivory Coast's flag in reverse.	True