

Ask about Ireland

Ask about Ireland Teacher Resources: Secondary Schools

Subject sections, interactive games and activities, pictures, animations, audios, video clips, maps and experiments are all available as a free service on www.askaboutireland.ie.

An initiative of the public libraries, the Ask about Ireland website is a main online educational resource. The content has been developed for schools in co-operation with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, the National Centre for Technology in Education and teaching staff from teacher training colleges. Content has been prepared by teachers and educational advisors.



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Secondary School Subject Sections



Geography

The Earth, Atmosphere, Diversity and Change, Settlement - Villages and Towns, Urbanisation, Regional geography, Physical environment, Atmosphere - ocean environment.

History

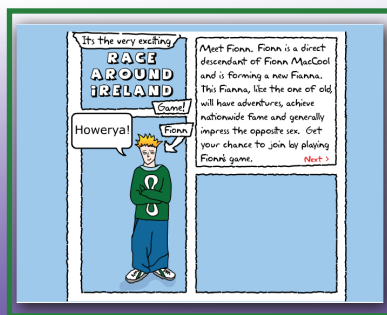
Pre-Christian and early Christian Ireland, The medieval castle, The medieval monastery, Renaissance Art and Architecture, Reformation - land ownership, Plantation, Revolutionary movements in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Changes in industry, agriculture and rural Ireland, Political developments in Ireland in the late 19th century and in the 20th century, Social change in the 20th century, International relations in the 20th century, World War I, Moves towards European Unity.

Irish

An tuath agus bailte, An timpeallacht, Achmainní nádúrtha, An Ghaeilge timpeall orainn, Stair na Gaeilge, An Ghaeilge mar theanga Cheilteach, Forás na Gaeilge, Stair shóisialta na Gaeilge, Litríocht na Gaeilge, Scéalta as Gaeilge leis an téacs agus an léitheoir (gach focal, abairt, leathanach agus an scéal go hiomlán); Amhráin as Gaeilge le focail, amhránaí agus uirlisí.

Science

Force and energy, Gravity, Light, Sound, Magnetism, Electricity and electronics, Air, Water, Famous Scientists.



Music

Irish traditional music, History of Irish music, Irish traditional instruments, Recorded extracts, Music in society, Antiquity and origins of Irish traditional music, Dance music, Songs and airs, Harp music, Dances, Instruments, Organisations, Performers, Settings and occasions.

Art

Art in Ireland, Design and traditional craftwork, Art through history – eBooks, Irish Artists, Irish Churches and Monastic Buildings, Observational Studies.

CSPE

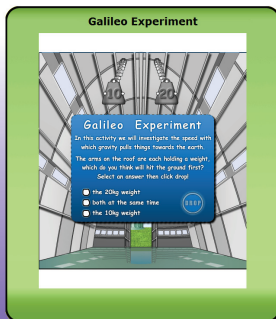
Democracy, Stewardship, Development, The State – Ireland, The Constitution, A geographical and political island, Role of the President, Irish flag, Ireland's emblem, National anthem, Economy, Education, Culture, Ireland's environment, Sustainable living, Water, Waste management, Climate change.

Home Economics

Planning, preparing and cooking dishes for different meals, Methods of cooking, Craftwork skills, Traditional crafts, Soups, casseroles and broths, From the garden and the field, Meat, Poultry and game, From the sea, Dairy, Breads, Cakes and Sweets, The role of the family, Traditions and customs.

Environmental and Social Studies

Pre-Christian Ireland, Early Christian Ireland, Viking Ireland, Norman Ireland, Development of Modern Settlement, The Industrial Revolution, Life in a modern city, Urban Living, Rural Living, Irish Plantation 17th Century, World War 1, EC membership, Maps and Map Reading, Renewable Energy.



Teaching Resources

Images

Locate photos for use in lessons from over 75,000 images in the search facility. Images range across a broad variety of subjects and include historical, geographical, archaeological, environmental, social and political photographs as well as maps and copies of original documents.

Games and Interactive Activities

Play fun activities for each lesson topic, including extension activities, group work and inquiry-based activities.

Months of the Year

Print the 12 Months of the Year posters, view animated versions, listen to descriptions for each month or play the month-themed game.



Eco Detectives

Discover climate change activities and teacher guides for 5th and 6th class. Includes interactive games, resource cards, and the Eco Detectives game.

Videos and Audios

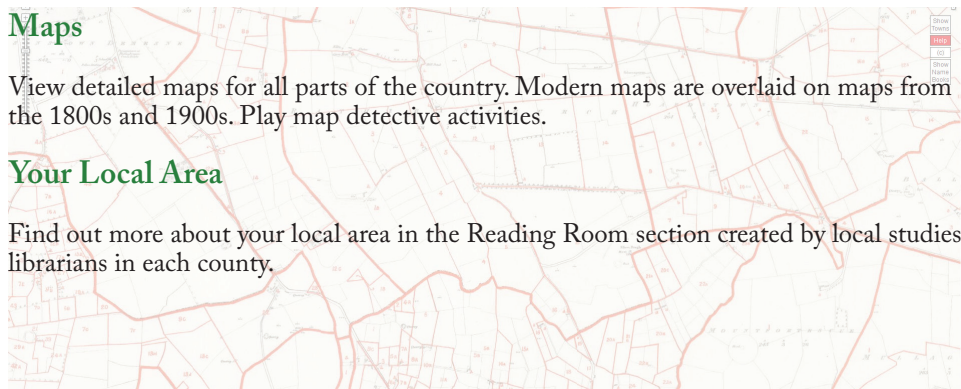
Find video clips to support a lesson. Collections of videos are available on: Ireland in the Early 1900s, the Easter Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War, Significant Irish Events, Irish Crafts, School Gardens, Birds in Ireland, Irish Wildlife and Wildlife Drawing, Nature Walks, Trees, Irish cooking, Our Living Habitats, and Climate Change.

Maps

View detailed maps for all parts of the country. Modern maps are overlaid on maps from the 1800s and 1900s. Play map detective activities.

Your Local Area

Find out more about your local area in the Reading Room section created by local studies librarians in each county.



Songs

Teach favourite Irish songs in both English and Irish using voice/instrumental accompaniment. Play/pause songs verse by verse.

Ebooks

Access over 500 ebooks on the site. Books are listed by county or by subject.

Talking Ebooks

Listen to traditional Irish stories in both Irish and English languages. Play each word, sentence or page of a story individually. Contemporary illustrations and cartoons accompany each of the traditional Irish stories.

Useful teaching resources for downloading and printing

Field Guides

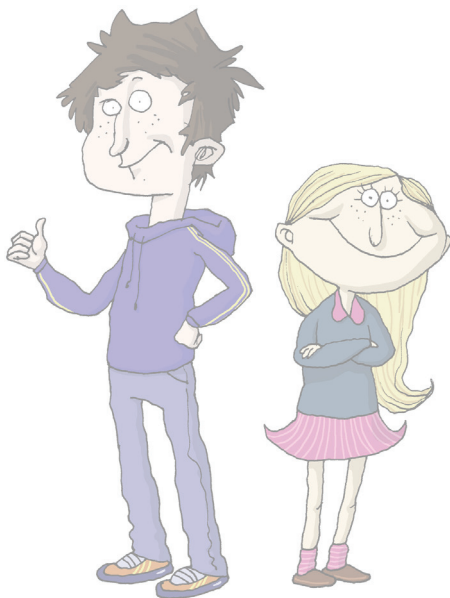
Explore your local environment - the school field guide series with practical information, activities, photos, games and classroom follow-up projects.

Fact Sheets

Locate a ready-made information sheet for pupils on a lesson topic. The environmental fact sheet series includes land and marine animals, trees and flowers. The sheets are also available for printing as posters or A4 handouts.

Posters

Print posters for your classroom from a range of topics. The most popular posters include *How to do a Great Project*, *Steps to Greener Living* and posters on recycling, rivers, farms, towns and gardens etc.



Reference Resources and Collections

Jstor

Irish journals in Arts, Humanities and Science from 1700s to the present.

Ordnance Survey Ireland Maps

Includes Historic Maps Viewer.

Griffith's Valuation

Records for tenants/landlords and maps identifying all dwellings in the country in the mid 1800s.

Links to Other Useful Resources by Topic

News, Business, Government, Health, Science, Arts, Academic.

Borrow Library Books Online

A single catalogue search for every library in the country. Find the item you want and request delivery to your nearest library for collection.

CultureNet

For planning a school trip or cultural outing for pupils using the listing of museums, galleries, heritage and cultural centres, theatres, libraries and archives for by county. Includes descriptions for each.



Project Focus

The Ask about Ireland website offers an excellent resource for project work. Students can browse the content for each subject or use the search facility to locate information, photos, videos or audios on specific topics or keywords.

The 'How to do Research' section guides students through:

How to do a Great Project

Sources of Information

Steps to Researching



Examples of information resources available for project topics include:



Buildings and Monuments in Irish History

Stone Age to the present – dolmens, graves, tombs, stone circles, standing stones, forts, monasteries, churches, abbeys, cathedrals, round towers, high crosses, castles, big houses.



Traditional Irish Craft Work

How is Wool Made?; Building a Thatched Roof; How is Butter and Flour Made?; A Blacksmith at Work; How are Cobble Stones Laid?; Working with Leather; How to Make Pottery.



A Journey Through Ireland in 1904

Focus on: children, schools, work, music, holidays, religion, families, health.

Read the story of: the school boy, the shop girl, the fisherman, the policeman, the mother, the lady of fashion, the tourists etc.



Exploring a virtual Irish Museum

Photos, 3D views and descriptions from prehistory, the Early Medieval Period, the Viking Age, the Medieval Period and natural history. Objects from Irish museums include: stone carvings, manuscripts, boxes, collars, jugs, knives, glassware, swords, jewellery, silverware and tools.



Field Trips

Detailed field guides, photos and activities for: Exploring a Hedgerow, Exploring Rocks and Soil, and Exploring a River.



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