

Ireland from the Rising to the Famine: 1798-1845

1. What is the context of the early 19th century?
 - a. Nationalism?
 - b. Universal rights?
 - c. Industrial Revolution?
2. French Revolution and the end of Irish independence
 - a. Regency crisis and refusal to coordinate military policy
 - b. French Revolutionary sentiments of men like Theobald Wolfe Tone
 - c. continued sectarian secret societies
 - d. 3 Risings of 1798
 - e. 1798 and Memory
 - f. Post script: abortive rebellion against British rule in 1803
3. Catholic Emancipation contextualized
 - a. Act of Union, 1800, comes into effect Jan. 1801 (Irish in Westminster, but still rule by the Castle: lord lieutenant)
 - b. the land question
 - i. landlords and absenteeism
 - c. Population question
 - i. potato and the Ice Age of the 18th century
 - ii. c. 4,000,000 (1780); 8,000,000 (1840)
 - d. religion
 - i. massive expansion of Catholic religiosity of the Irish only in the mid-19th century with work of Paul Cullen
 - ii. Protestant industrial North (pockets of Catholics in cities)
4. Daniel O'Connell (the Liberator, 1775-1847)
 - a. Possible views
 - i. a nationalist answer to the Irish Question?
 - ii. a "Catholic Grattan"?
 - b. Background
 - i. schooling in St. Omer, 1791, witnesses increasing radicalism of French Rev.
 - c. Catholic Association, created 1823
 - i. members for a guinea, assoc. members for a shilling
 - ii. mass agitation, religious legitimization of drive
 - iii. defeat of landlord strengths in election of 1826
 - iv. 1828 by-election (against a pro-emancipation Gov't. supporter)
 - v. how to govern? (Wellington's dilemma);
 - d. the *Nation* and cultural nationalism
 - i. Young Ireland movement and new newspaper from 1842
 - e. O'Connell and constitutional nationalism
 - f. 1843, the "Repeal Year" (note two repeals, Union, and Corn Laws, 1846)
 - i. not independence but restoration of Dublin Parliament
 - ii. like Catholic Association, modern democratic organization
 - iii. Monster meetings
 - iv. Sir Robert Peel's refusal to abandon the Union