

Irish History with Britain – from Normans to 1916

- **1166 – Norman Invasion of Ireland** – Strongbow’s army defeated the Vikings and Irish. Begins Norman Rule. Built the 1st castles in Ireland and set up more towns.
- **1366 – Statutes of Kilkenny** – banned Normans marrying into Irish families or speaking the language.
- **1541** – King Henry VIII stripped lands and control from Catholic Church in Ireland
- **1550s + 1590s – attempted plantations of Laois/Offaly and Munster** to assert British rule. Both failed.
- **1594-1603 – Nine Year War:** Queen Elizabeth I v Chieftains of Ulster.
- **1607 – Flight of the Earls** – the end of the Chieftain rule in Ireland.
- **1609 – Plantation of Ulster.** A success
- **1649-1653 – Cromwell ousts English King.** Introduces a reign of terror in Ireland, stripping land off Irish people.
- **1690** – King William of Orange defeats the exiled King James II at the **Battle of the Boyne**.
- **1691 – Treaty of Limerick** – gave land back to the Irish.
- **1695** – In response, English government introduce **Penal Laws**, banning many rights for Catholics.
- **1798** – inspired by the French Revolution, Theobald Wolfe Tone led a **rebellion** in Ireland against the British to help create a Republic. It failed.
- **1801 – Act of Union** – rule of Ireland directly from London and the creation of the ‘United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland’.
- **1829 – Catholic Emancipation.** End of Penal Laws.
- **1845-49 – Famine.** Irish Culture and Language suffers through emigration.
- **1870 – Home Rule** campaign begins.
- **1884 – Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)** is formed. **Gaelic revival** begins.
- **1900 – 1914** – campaign for Home Rule continues, except in the North where opposition to it grows.
- **1913 – Irish Volunteers and Ulster Volunteer Forces** set up as armed opposition to one another.
- **1914** – Home Rule expected to become law but then WW1 breaks out. **Home Rule parked until end of the war.**
- **1914** – not knowing how long the war would take, the first plans are put into place to have a **rebellion against British rule in Ireland**.....

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