

A stylized illustration of a cliffside. The cliff is composed of grey and brown rock layers, with some green grass on top. The sky is a mix of pink, orange, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The sea is a deep blue with white waves. The overall style is cartoonish and colorful.

Ireland

Information PowerPoint

Map of Ireland and The British Isles



The History of Ireland

Ireland has a long, rich and interesting history. In the beginning, this island, on the western edge of Europe, was home to Stone Age people. The Céide Fields and Newgrange are just two of the famous monuments that give us clues about how these people lived.

Later on, Vikings from Scandinavia and Normans from Britain settled in Ireland. The marriage of Strongbow, a Norman soldier, to the daughter of the High King of Ireland began the period of English rule in the country. Many rebellions took place against this.

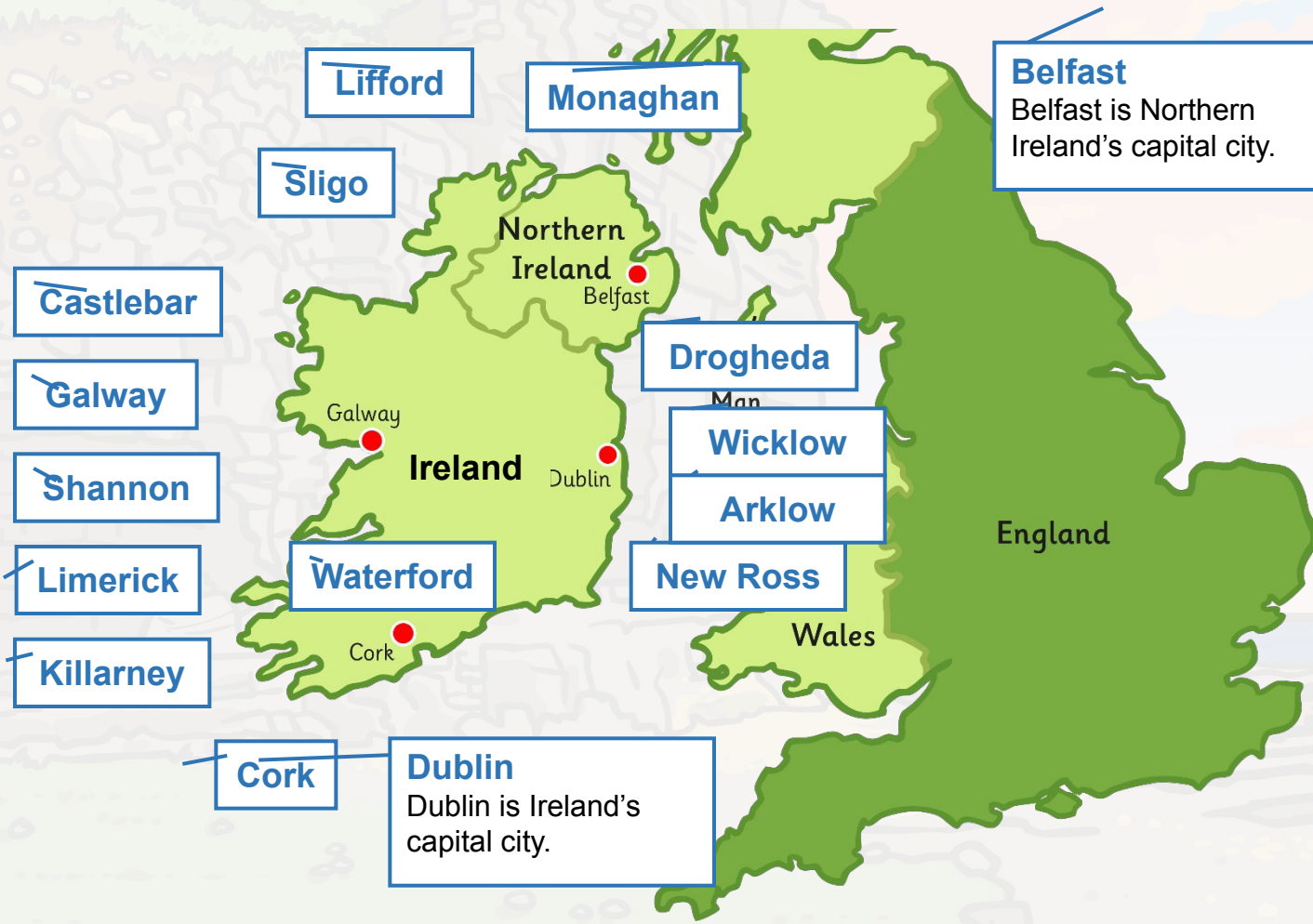
Ireland suffered a terrible famine in the mid 1800s and many people began to emigrate from the country at that time.

In 1921, 26 counties gained independence from Great Britain and became the Irish Free State - known today as the Republic of Ireland. The north-eastern part of the island, known as Northern Ireland, remained part of the United Kingdom.

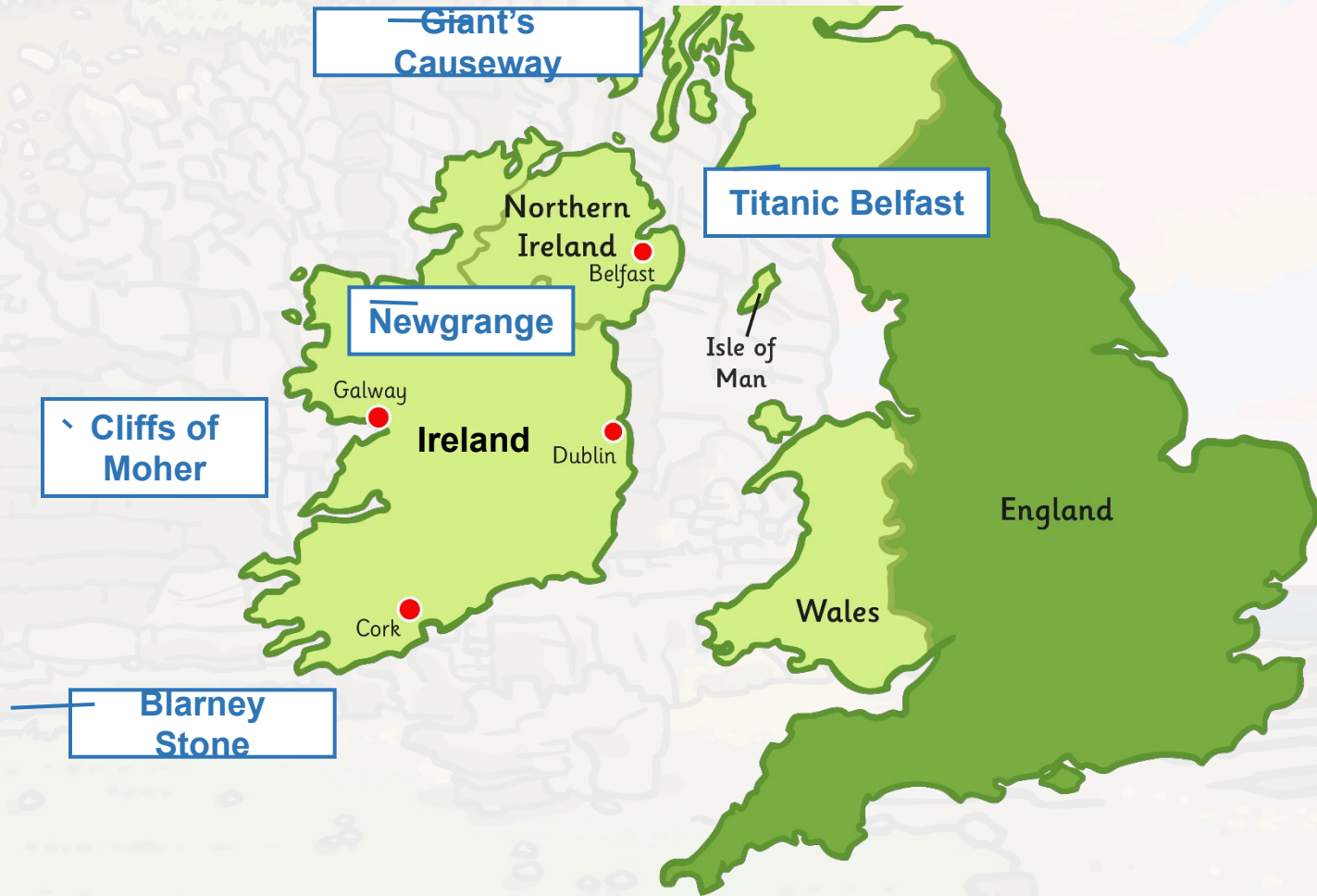
Nowadays, the Republic of Ireland is part of the European Union and the eurozone.



Map of Ireland



Irish Landmarks



Titanic Belfast

Titanic Belfast is a visitor attraction on the site of a former shipyard in the city's Titanic Quarter. The RMS Titanic was built here and visitors can learn about the stories of the Titanic, which hit an iceberg and sank in 1912. Cobh, in County Cork was the last port Titanic visited before it sank.





Giant's Causeway

An area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, which some people believe was caused by an ancient volcanic eruption.

The Blarney Stone and Blarney Castle

The Blarney stone is a piece of limestone built into the battlements of Blarney Castle. Legends state that if you kiss the Blarney Stone, you will never be short of something to talk about. When kissing the stone, you need to lie down and be upside down to reach it.



Newgrange

Newgrange is a Stone Age monument in the Boyne Valley, County Meath, Ireland. It is thought that Newgrange was constructed over 5,000 years ago. It is a large circular mound with a stone passageway and burial chambers inside. Newgrange is still a mystery to historians because they don't know how it was built or what it was used for. Knowth and Dowth are two other passage tombs that can be found nearby.



Irish Foods

These are some of the foods that are traditionally eaten in Ireland.



potatoes



black and white pudding



soda bread



Irish coddle

Irish Food and Drink

These are some of the foods that are traditionally eaten in Ireland.



Irish stew



Guinness



potato farls



potato cakes

Irish Culture

These are some of the activities found in traditional Irish culture.



Irish music



Gaelic Games, Hurling



Irish dancing



Irish writers

Irish Language

Irish	English
dia duit	hello
dia is muire duit	hello (in response)
slán	bye!
Conas atá tú?	How are you?
Táim go maith	I'm well
(name) is ainm dom	(name) is my name
más é do thoil é	Please
go raibh maith agat	thank you

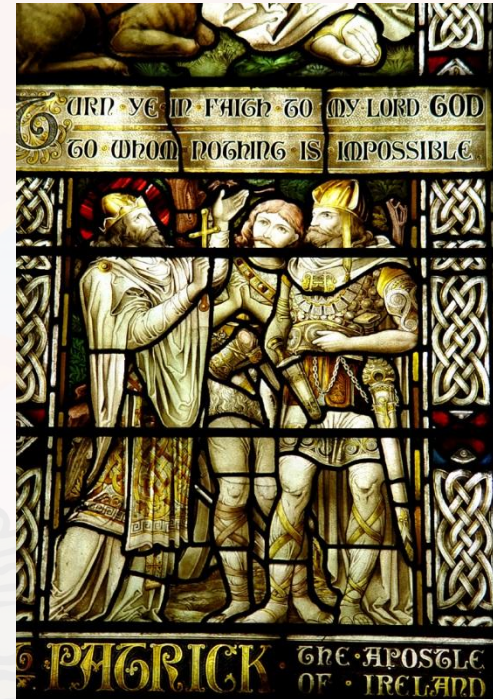
St. Patrick's Day

- St. Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in 1903.
- In the mid-1990s, the Irish government started St. Patrick's festival to showcase Ireland and its culture all over the world.
- Many places in Ireland celebrate with parades, concerts, outdoor theatre performances and fireworks.
- The biggest celebration in Ireland, is in Dublin where the festival lasts five days!



St. Patrick's Day

- St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.
- He was born in Wales in the 5th century.
- He was taken to Ireland as a slave when he was 16.
- He escaped after 6 years.
- He then became a Christian priest and later a bishop.
- He returned to Ireland as a missionary.
- He converted many Irish people to Christianity.
- He died on March 17th.
- St Patrick's day is on March 17th every year and it is the saint's feast day. It has evolved from a religious holiday to a worldwide celebration.



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