



Wooden Spoon Quizzes?



Irish History

1. Elected in 1990, the first female President of Ireland said: "I was elected by the women of Ireland, who instead of rocking the cradle, rocked the system." Who was she?
2. Which inspirational speaker, who coined the phrase 'a fair day's work for a fair day's pay', led the Dublin workers to strike for more than seven months in order to gain better working conditions?
3. Which popular Irish actor and comedian discovered the details of his grandfather's murder during the Irish War of Independence when he was filming the BBC documentary Who Do You Think You Are?
4. The people of Ireland were robbed of eleven days of their lives when the British finally decided to adopt the Gregorian Calendar instead of the less-accurate Julian Calendar. The date changed from 2nd September to the 14th September in a single night, and there is no record of anything happening in the eleven days in between. In what year did this date change take place?
5. In 1916, a group of Irish nationalists seized control of the General Post Office in Dublin and declared Ireland an independent republic, free from British rule. What was the name of the man who read out the Proclamation of Independence?
6. Father John Murphy was a Catholic priest and reluctant leader of the Irish rebels in which major conflict in history?
7. During the 14th century, the British government worried that which group of people were becoming 'more Irish than the Irish', and passed a piece of legislation to curb the adoption of Irish tradition and culture?
8. Great Irish folk songs such as Fields of Athenry and Skibbereen were written about which major event in the history of Ireland?
9. Who is widely recognised as the last 'High King of Ireland' and is thought by some to be the man who finally ended the reign of power held by the Vikings?
10. Michael Collins is one of the most famous characters from Irish history, and thought by some to be the greatest Irish man to have ever lived. He was killed during the Irish Civil War after his vehicle was ambushed by anti-treaty IRA members. Collins had been warned by his advisers that the journey was dangerous but insisted they go ahead saying: "They'll never shoot me in my own county." What was the county in which Collins was born, and then killed?

1. Mary Robinson
2. James Larkin
3. Brendan O'Carroll
4. 1752
5. Pádraic Pearse
6. 1798 Rebellion
7. The Normans settlers
8. Great Potato Famine
9. Brian Boru
10. Cork

