

History of Ireland

○ **Prehistory and Arrival of Christianity**

After the Mesolithic, Neolithic, late stone age, the bronze age, and the iron age, the Gaelic society was made. That ordered a rigid hierachicy. People were divided three groups – aristocrats, freemen, and slaves. There were also the Brehon Lows which stipulated in exact detail the rules, penalties, and privileges.

Then Christianity arrived and they established the Irish church. And high artistic and literary creativity was fostered by the golden age.

○ **Invaders**

Norwegian Vikings invaded to Ireland in 795. They pillaged, raided, assaulted, battled. And they established Dublin. In 12th century, Irish lordships were overthrown by England or Normans one after another.

○ **From the Tudors to Cromwell**

Henry 8 began the reformation and the term of re-grant, and plantation was begun. Elizabeth 1 established the trinity college. Then Cromwell came.

In the last of the 17th century, James and William battled. After William's victory, many Irish went abroad.

○ **Penal Times**

The penal lows which took all of the rights enacted. But in the 18th century, discontents prevailed. People wanted their rights and tolerations. The repeal of some penal lows was enlarged gradually.

○ **Union and Emancipation**

The Parliament was abolished. Some unsuccessful rebellions happened and Irish people were emancipated in this period.

○ **Famine and Fenians**

From the 18th century to middle of 19th century, Irish population was grew. They depended on the potato. But in 1840s, potato blighted. Many people died rapidly. People who speak the Irish language also went down.

Last two generations hatred of England persisted.

Then Ireland revived from 1880s to middle of 1910s.

○ **Uprising and Independence**

A military revolt was happened. And executions became to sway an unsympathetic public.

In 1921, truce and negotiations followed leading to the signing of the treaty, and Irish Free State established. After that, Ireland is proceeding to republic.