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PARLIAMENTARY TRADITION IN IRELAND	Parliamentary tradition is the use of peaceful political means to achieve political change.
	In Ireland, Catholic emancipation and the Home Rule movement belonged to parliamentary
	tradition while the 1798 Rebellion and the 1916 Easter Rising belong to physical force tradition.
IRELAND AFTER THE ACT OF UNION (1801)	The Act of Union (1801) established Dublin Castle as the base for the government of Ireland which was led by the Chief Secretary, a British politician who was based in London while the
	Lord Lieutenant represented the British Crown in Ireland.
	'The Catholic Question' was one of the biggest political issues of the time. The British
	government had promised that after the Act of Union the last of the Penal Laws would be
	abolished and full Catholic emancipation would be granted – that Catholics would be allowed
	to sit in parliament. Catholics also resented paying tithes to the Church of Ireland.
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DANIEL O'CONNEL (1775	Daniel O'Connell was born in Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry to a wealthy Catholic middle-class family.
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BACKGROUND	a university education where he studied law and became a barrister.
	O'Connell witnessed the bloody 'Reign of Terror' during the French Revolution which would
	lead to his lifelong hatred of political violence.
	O'Connell supported the aims of the United Irishmen but rejected their use of violence. The
	Act of Union came into force in 1801 which brought the end of the Irish Parliament. Instead,
	Ireland now sent 100 MPs to the House of Commons in Westminster and was represented by
	32 peers in the House of Lords.
	As MPs had to swear an oath recognising the King of England as head of the Church which
	prevented Catholics from becoming MPs as their head of Church is the Pope.
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Act of Union (1801)	<ul> <li>A law that abolished the Irish parliament in Dublin. It came into effect on 1st January 1801, forcing Irish MPs to travel to the Westminster Parliament in London.</li> </ul>
Catholic Association	Campaign group set up by Daniel O'Connell to work to achieve Catholic Emancipation
Catholic Emancipation	Granting equal rights to Catholics, especially the right to take seats in Parliament.
Chief Secretary	Head of the government of Ireland, based in Dublin Castle
Eviction	When someone is forced out of their home.
House of Commons	The lower house of parliament in the United Kingdom; sits in Westminster
House of Lords	The upper house of parliament in the United Kingdom; sits in Westminster
Lord Lieutenant	The British King's representative in Ireland
Parliamentary Tradition	Belief in use of peaceful means to achieve political change, and to achieve Irish independence opposed to physical force tradition.
Penal Laws	<ul> <li>Laws passed in the 17th and 18th Century Ireland to control and discriminate against Catholic and Presbyterians.</li> </ul>
Physical force tradition	<ul> <li>Belief in use of revolution, armed uprisings to achieve Irish independence; opposed to parliamentary tradition.</li> </ul>
Repeal	(of the Act of Union) Bring parliament back from Westminster to Dublin
Repeal Association	Campaign group set up by Daniel O'Connell to work to abolish the Act of Union
Tenement	A building housing a large number of families in separate rooms
Westminster	Palace in London where the UK parliament passes laws and bills