Treland In The 1960s

Headings	Notes
THE 1950s: IRELAND'S LOST DECADE ECONOMIC CRISIS	After World War II, Ireland faced many challenges: economic, social and political.
	Protectionism was a policy by Irish governments to put high tariffs on goods from outside
	Ireland in order to protect Irish businesses, which made imported goods expensive.
	Irish businesses were badly run due to their reliance on protectionism.
	• Ireland also faced by high unemployment while there was very little money to invest in the
	economy.
SOCIAL PROBLEMS	 Many people emigrated to find jobs – on average, 44,000 left each year in the 1950s.
	• By 1961, the population had fallen to its lowest levels since the Great Famine. This led to rural
	depopulation – young people leaving rural areas to find work, leaving only older people in rural
	towns and villages.
POLITICAL INSTABILITY	• An older generation of leaders, such as Éamon de Valera and Richard Mulcahy, remained in
	power. They continued to follow the same policies as those of the 1920s and 1930s.
	• A series of weak governments in the late 1940s and 1950s led to there being no majority in the
	Dáil. This meant several successive governments lacked the power to tackle the problems
	that Ireland faced.
AN IRISH POLITICIAN:	 Seán Lemass was born in Dublin. He fought in the 1916 Easter Rising and the Irish War of
SÉAN LEMASS (1899 – 1971)	Independence before later helping to found Fianna Fáil in 1926. He served as Minister for
·	Industry and Commerce for four Fianna Fáil-led governments from 1932 to 1959, also serving
	as Minister for Supplies from 1939 to 1945 during the Emergency.
	• In 1959, Lemass became Taoiseach and leader of Fianna Fáil .
	• 1959 marked the First Programme for Economic Expansion. Lemass had worked on this wit
	the Secretary-General of the Department of Finance, T.K. Whitaker . The programme's main
	aims included introducing free trade, encouraging foreign investment and awarding grants to
	businesses and farmers.
Keywords	Summary
Protectionism T.K Whitaker	
The 1950s Free Trade	
Séan Lemass	
1916 Easter Rising	
1919 Irish War of Independence	
Fianna Fáil	
Taoiseach	
First Programme For Economic Expansion	

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AN IRISH POLITICIAN: SÉAN LEMASS (1899 – 1971)	• The programme was a huge success, resulting in the economy growing by 4% each year in
	the 1960s while unemployment and emigration fell.
	• In 1961, Ireland applied to join the European Economic Community (EEC), along with Britain
	and Denmark. When France vetoed the British application, both Ireland and Denmark also with-
	drew their applications.
	• Lemass wanted Ireland to engage more with the world. In 1962, Ireland was elected to the UN
	Security Council. Irish soldiers took part in UN Peacekeeping Missions such as in the Congo
	• In June 1963, US President John F. Kennedy became the first foreign head of state to visit
	independent Ireland.
	• Lemass believed in a united Ireland. In 1965, he travelled to Belfast and met the Northern Irish
	Prime Minister Terence O'Neill; O'Neill would also visit Dublin. The two agreed to cooperate
	on agriculture, education and tourism which resulted in an increase in trade between the two
	parts of the island.
	• Lemass and Fianna Fáil won the 1961 and 1965 general elections. In 1966, Lemass presided
	over the 50 th anniversary commemorations of the 1916 Easter Rising.
SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE 1960s	Until the 1960s, Ireland had no domestic television service. In 1960, the Broadcasting
	Authority Act was passed. This set up an independent authority to run radio and television in
RADIO TELEFÍS ÉIREANN	
	• On the 31st December 1961, Telefís Éireann was launched (later renamed RTÉ). By the 1970s
	over 50% of Irish homes had a television, most with only one RTÉ channel. Television changed
	society in various ways:
	People began to see and be influenced by television programmes and news from abroad,
	especially the US and the UK. This also allowed a new perspective on Ireland.
	Controversial topics such as contraception, women's rights or infidelity were debated on
	television, for example on the <i>Late Late Show</i> , hosted by Gay Byrne. Over time, these
	debates helped society's attitudes to shift.
 Keywords	Summary
European Economic Community	, and the second
UN Security Council	
UN Peacekeeping Missions	
John F Kennedy	
Terence O'Neill	
Commemoration	
Broadcasting Authority Act	
Telefís Éireann (RTÉ)	
The Late Late Show	

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RADIO TELEFÍS ÉIREANN	People saw those in positions of power being challenged and questioned, for example political leaders and the Catholic Church.
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH	In 1962, Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) to reform the
	Catholic Church. Senior Catholic leaders from around the world met and decided upon radical
	changes to the Church:
	• The Mass was to be said in the vernacular (the language of the people), instead of Latin.
	• Lay (non-ordained) people now had a greater role in the Church.
	The Bible was published in the vernacular and people were encouraged to read it.
	There was to be an emphasis on ecumenism – more understanding and cooperation between different Christian Churches around the world.
	• Following Vatican II, people began to question the authority and teachings of the Church more
EDUCATION	In 1966, Minister for Education Donogh O'Malley introduced numerous major reforms:
	Free schooling up to the Intermediate Certificate (now the Junior Cycle)
	Free transport to school
	Grants to build more schools
	 The opening of Regional Technical Colleges (now Institutes of Technology/Technological
	Universities).
	• As a result, the numbers of students sitting the Leaving Certificate tripled in a decade. Within
	few years, Irish children had stopped leaving education after primary school.
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Pope John XXIII	
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Bible	
Ecumenism	
Donogh O'Malley	
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Regional Technical Colleges

Headings	Notes
THE 1960s	• The 1960s was a decade of profound change worldwide: Europe was becoming more united,
	the Cold War was ongoing, the Republic of Ireland was transforming while violence broke out ir
	Northern Ireland.
	• This decade also saw an increase in the demands for equal rights, the birth of youth culture and
	when people walked on the moon.
THE SPACE RACE	Both superpowers (the US and the Soviet Union) spent huge sums of money on scientific
COLD WAR COMPETITION	
IN TECHNOLOGY	• The rockets designed to carry satellites (and then astronauts) into space could also be used
	to carry nuclear bombs to attack the other side.
	 New technology developed during the space race (such as computers) could transform both
	military and civilian life.
	The first superpower to achieve these great technological feats would prove its superiority.
THE FIRST SATELLITE	On the 4 th October 1957, the Soviets launched the world's first satellite, <i>Sputnik</i> . The US
(SOVIET VICTORY)	became concerned that there was now a 'missile gap' between them and the Soviets.
	• In December 1957 , the first US satellite, the <i>Vanguard</i> , exploded on the launch pad.
	On the 1 st February 1958, the US successfully launched the Explorer satellite.
THE FIRST MAN IN SPACE	• On the 12 th April 1961, Yuri Gagarin of the Soviet Union orbited Earth and landed safely on hi
(SOVIET VICTORY)	return.
	• In February 1962, the US sent a man into orbit when John Glenn piloted the Friendship 7.
	• US President John F. Kennedy was determined that the US must succeed in landing a man or
	the moon by the end of the decade.
Leywords	Gummary
Superpowers	g and a second s
Space Race	
Nuclear Weapons	
Computers	
Sputnik	
The Vanguard	
Yuri Gagarin	
John Glenn	
John F. Kennedy	

John F. Kennedy

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THE MOON LANDINGS	• The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) launched the Gemini and
(US VICTORY)	Apollo missions.
	The Saturn V rocket was built to carry the Apollo spacecraft out of Earth's orbit.
	 On the 16th July 1969, Apollo 11 launched from Florida, carrying astronauts Neil Armstrong
	Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins.
	• On the 20th July 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin landed the lunar module, the Eagle, on the
	moon's surface. A camera in the <i>Eagle</i> provided live coverage.
	Over 500 million people around the world tuned in to make this the most watched event in
	television history up to that point.
RESULTS OF THE MOON LANDINGS	
LANDINGS	by the Soviets.
	The lunar landings continued until 1972, when they lost public support due to high costs.
	Satellite, communication and computer technologies advanced greatly as a result of the
	technological breakthroughs arising from the space race.
THE DECADE OF PROTEST	After the American Civil War (1861 – 1865), slavery in the US had been abolished. However
	African-Americans were still be treated as second-class citizens by the mid-20th Century.
THE CIVIL RIGHTS	African-Americans were discriminated against in areas of education, housing, public
MOVEMENT	facilities (such as toilets, restaurants and swimming pools), employment, policing, the lega
	system and voting.
	• The Civil Rights Movement, set up in the 1950s, began to fight for equal rights in the US. It
	was led by Dr Martin Luther King Jr., a Baptist preacher who called for strictly non-violent
	protest. This involved protest marches, boycotts of business, highlighting discrimination and taking action through the courts.
Keywords	Summary
NASA Apollo 11	
Neil Armstrong	
Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin	
Michael Collins	
Eagle	
Civil Rights Movement	
Discrimination	

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KEY EVENTS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT	Major events of the Civil Rights Movement included:
	• 1955: The Montgomery Bus Boycott, following Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat for a
	white man.
	• 1963: 250,000 Americans gathered in Washington to listen to Dr King deliver his famous
	'I have a dream' speech.
	• 1965: thousands of protesters marching for voting rights were brutally attacked by the police i
	Selma, Alabama.
	The two major acts from the time were:
	• The Civil Rights Act (1964) which outlawed discrimination in schools, public services and the
	workplace.
	The Voting Rights Act (1965) guaranteed the right to vote for all US citizens.
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OTHER PROTEST	The Civil Rights Movement inspired many other protest movements around the world.
MOVEMENTS	The women's movement campaigned for equal treatment for women around the world (Rutle)
	Bader Ginsburg and Betty Friedan).
	The African National Congress campaigned against the apartheid systems of racial
	discrimination in South Africa (Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu).
	The student movement campaigned for better conditions in universities and an end to
	inequality, war and poverty.
	The gay rights movement protested laws that treated LGBT people as criminals (Marsha P.)
	Johnson and Dick Leitsch).
	The environmental movement began to protest threats to the environment such as pollution
	the use of chemicals in food and nuclear power.
	Each of these movements used similar tactics to bring about change:
	Organised marches to create visibility.
	Published magazines and books to raise awareness and educate people on the issues.
	Lobbied politicians to change laws.
Keywords	Gummary
The Montgomery Bus Boycott	
Rosa Parks	
I Have A Dream' speech	
Selma, Alabama	
The Civil Rights Act	
The Voting Rights Act	
Women's Movement	
African National Congress	
Gay Rights Movement	

Headings	Notes
YOUTH CULTURE	• After World War II, there was a 'baby boom' in the West. By the 1960s, those children were
TEENAGERS AND YOUTH CULTURE	
	• Free education had been introduced in many countries, so this generation was better educated
	than their parents.
	Most Western countries' economies boomed in the 1950s and 1960s so the teenagers had
	money to spend.
	Young people developed their own tastes in music, fashion and entertainment, together
	known as youth culture. They expressed their difference from what had come before through
	music and dress.
MUSIC	• For the first time, music was being made specifically for young people. Pop stars recorded
	music that teenagers bought in huge quantities. This music often addressed topics that made
	many adults uncomfortable such as: love, sex, drugs, personal freedom and the difficult
	political issues of the day.
	Popular music acts included: The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Elvis Presley, The Supremes, Jimi
	Hendrix, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye and The Jackson Five.
FASHION	Young people's fashion also reflected new values as clothing became bright with swirling
	colours and very different styles. These styles included: miniskirts, tie-dye, long natural
	hair and beards.
	• The women's movement aimed to give women greater control over their own lives and relation-
	ships. The miniskirt came to symbolise the greater sexual freedom that women had gained du
	to the availability of the contraceptive pill.
Leywords	Summary
Baby Boom	
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Pop stars The Beatles	
he Jackson Five	
Bright colours	
Mini skirts	
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Contraceptive pill

Notes
• Free education meant that more people had a good basic education than ever before and more
attended university.
Young people had greater economic independence from their parents.
Many expressed a demand for a different world through the student movement, anti-war
protests, new musical styles and new fashions.
Many, especially young women, began to question society's expectations and to demand
more choice.
People began to marry and start a family later in life. Marriage breakdowns and divorce
became more accepted as religious institutes lost their hold on society.
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Keywords	Definition
Assassination	A murder for political reasons.
Civil Rights Movement	Movement led by Martin Luther King Jr which campaigned for equal rights for black people in the USA.
Counterculture	A way of life and set of attitudes that are completely different from those in mainstream society.
Decolonisation	The process whereby countries that were colonies to gain their independence.
Discrimination	 Treating a group of people unfairly based on a characteristic such as race, colour, gender or religion.
Feminism	The belief that men and women are equal and should have the same rights and opportunities.
Ecumenism	 The attempt to promote understanding and cooperation between various different Christian Churches around the world.
Empire	A group of countries ruled by another country.
Free Trade	Allowing goods to move between countries without any trade barriers such as tariffs or quotas.
Jim Crow	A nickname for laws in the USA that treated black people unfairly.
Modernising	Changing to modern ideas and ways.
Non-violent protest	 The use of protest marches and boycotts of businesses and services, using the media to highlight discrimination and attacking discriminatory in the courts.
Nuclear War	A war fought with atomic and hydrogen (nuclear) bombs.
Passive Resistence	 Non-violent or peaceful opposition to government, not co-operating with government, refusal to obey laws; opposed to physical force.
Pop Music	• From 'popular music'; it sounded different and addressed topiics that made adults uncomfotable: love, sex, drugs, personal freedom, social commentary and youth rebellion.
Protectionism	 Using high tariffs on goods coming into a country to protect native businesses from foreign competition.
Racism	 Belief that race decides a person's character and that some races are superior to others; prejudice against someone of a different race based on their skin
Rural depopulation	Young people left rural areas to find work and increasingly only older people remained.
Segregation	Keeping black and white people separate.
Space Race	Competition between the USA and the USSR to dominate space technology.
Tet Offensive	 Attacks by North Vietnamese forces against South Vietnam in January 1968. Although the offensive failed, it convinced many in the USA that the war in Vietnam count not be won.
Vatican II	 A council of the Catholic Church that met from 1962 to 1965 to reform the Church for the modern world.
Vietnam Anti-War Movement	A mass movement of people who demonstrated against the Vietnam War.
Youth Culture	Young people's tastes in music, fashion and entertainment.
Civil Rights Movement	Movement led by Martin Luther King Jr which campaigned for equal rights for black people in the USA.