

# The Pursuit of Sovereignty and the Impact of Partition, 1912-1949

Headings	Notes
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would you agree that Ireland experienced a decade of revolutionary change, 1912-1922? Give reasons for your answer.</li> <li>• During the years 1920-1945, how well did the government of Northern Ireland deal with social and economic problems and/or threats to security?</li> <li>• What were the successes and failures of Éamon de Valera in power, 1932-1948?</li> <li>• What were the main events of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, and in what ways did the Congress contribute to Irish cultural identity?</li> </ul>
2023 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the contribution of two of the following to the pursuit of sovereignty in Ireland: Arthur Griffith; Michael Collins; Countess Markievicz?</li> <li>• During the period 1920-1945, how effectively did the government of Northern Ireland manage the economy and/or threats to the security of the state?</li> <li>• How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1923-1949?</li> <li>• During the period 1920-1945, how was cultural identity promoted in Ireland, North and South, in one or more of the following areas: language; religion; education?</li> </ul>
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did one or more of the following contribute to tensions in Ireland: the Home Rule Bill, 1912-1914; World War I; the 1918 election?</li> <li>• During the period 1920-1945, how well did the government of Northern Ireland respond to the challenges it faced?</li> <li>• During the period 1923-1945, how skillfully did W.T. Cosgrave and Éamon de Valera handle Anglo-Irish relations?</li> <li>• What was the impact on Irish life of the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and/or of attempts to promote the Irish language?</li> </ul>
2022 Deferred Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the threat and use of physical force affect Ireland, 1912-1921?</li> <li>• During the period 1923-1932, what were the strengths and weaknesses of W.T. Cosgrave as a political leader?</li> <li>• In Northern Ireland, 1920-1939, what were the successes and failures of the Unionist government?</li> <li>• Which government, Dublin or Belfast, faced the greater challenges during World War II? Argue your case, referring to both.</li> </ul>
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1912-1920, what factors contributed to the partition of Ireland?</li> <li>• How did the Unionist party in power respond to the challenges it faced, 1920-1945?</li> <li>• What was the impact of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, on Irish life?</li> <li>• During the period 1923-1945, why did Irish governments find it difficult to achieve economic success?</li> </ul>

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2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why were both the negotiations and terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921, controversial?</li> <li>• What were the main events of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, and how did the Congress contribute to Irish identity?</li> <li>• What was the impact of World War II on Ireland, North and South?</li> <li>• What was the contribution of two of the following to Irish life: Patrick Pearse; Evie Hone; James J. McElligott?</li> </ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1912-1921, what attempts were made to obtain self-government for Ireland, and to what extent were they successful?</li> <li>• During the period 1923-1945, how effectively did Irish governments tackle the social and economic problems they faced?</li> <li>• What were the successes and failures of Éamon de Valera as a political leader?</li> <li>• What attempts were made to promote cultural identity in Ireland, North and South? Refer to one or more of the following: language; religion; education.</li> </ul>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the military and political significance of one or more of the following: the 1916 Rising; the War of Independence; the Civil War?</li> <li>• What were the main events of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, and what was its significance for church and state?</li> <li>• What was the impact on Northern Ireland of the world economic crisis of the inter-war period and/or World War II?</li> <li>• How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1923-1949?</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the Sinn Féin movement develop during the period 1912-1923?</li> <li>• Why were both the negotiations and the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921, controversial?</li> <li>• During the period 1922-1945, how effective were the governments of both Cosgrave and de Valera in dealing with threats to the security of the state?</li> <li>• During the period 1922-1949, how successful were attempts to make independent Ireland a Gaelic and Catholic society?</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1912-1920, which factors contributed most to the partition of Ireland?</li> <li>• During the period 1922-1939, who achieved more in Anglo-Irish relations, Cosgrave or de Valera? Argue your case, referring to both.</li> <li>• During the period 1922-1949, how did the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and/or the state's language and education policies contribute to Irish identity?</li> <li>• What was the impact of World War II on Ireland, North and South?</li> </ul>

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2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the main events in Dublin during the 1916 Rising, and was Ireland, in Yeats' phrase, 'changed utterly' as a result?</li> <li>• Why did the conduct and outcome of the Treaty negotiations, October-December, 1921, prove contentious?</li> <li>• During the period 1912-1940, what were the strengths and weaknesses of James Craig as a political leader?</li> <li>• How well did Irish governments cope with the social and economic problems they faced, 1923-1945?</li> </ul>
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [DBQ] What was the significance of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932?</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [DBQ] What was the impact of World War II on the city and people of Belfast?</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the fortunes of the Sinn Féin movement during the period 1912-1922?</li> <li>• During the period 1922-1939, how successful were Irish governments in responding to the economic challenges they faced?</li> <li>• How did Anglo-Irish relations develop under Éamon de Valera, 1932-1945?</li> <li>• What was the impact of World War II on Ireland, North and South?</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the threat and use of physical force affect Ireland during the period 1912- 1923?</li> <li>• How did the government of Northern Ireland deal with economic problems and/or threats to security, 1920-1945?</li> <li>• What was the significance of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932?</li> <li>• How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1923-1949?</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did one or more of the following contribute to Irish affairs: Patrick Pearse; Arthur Griffith; Countess Markievicz?</li> <li>• How did the Irish government contribute to the consolidation of democracy, 1922- 1932?</li> <li>• What were the strengths and weaknesses of Éamon de Valera as a political leader?</li> <li>• What was the impact on Northern Ireland of international developments during the period 1932-1945?</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the period 1912-1920, what factors contributed to the partition of Ireland?</li> <li>• Who handled Anglo-Irish relations better, W. T. Cosgrave or Éamon de Valera? Argue your case referring to both.</li> <li>• To what extent did the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and/or the language and education policies of Irish governments promote Irish cultural identity?</li> <li>• How did the Unionist Party in power respond to the challenges posed by the existence of a substantial nationalist minority within Northern Ireland?</li> </ul>

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2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why were the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations controversial?</li><li>• What were the main social and economic challenges facing Northern Ireland, 1920- 1945?</li><li>• During the period 1932-1945, which did Éamon de Valera manage better, the economy or Anglo-Irish relations? Argue your case, referring to both.</li><li>• What attempts were made to promote cultural identity, North and South, during the period, 1912-1945?</li></ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To what extent was the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921, responsible for the Irish Civil War?</li><li>• What steps did Irish governments take to consolidate democracy, 1923-1945?</li><li>• What was the significance of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, for the Irish Free State?</li><li>• How well did the Unionist Party manage the affairs of Northern Ireland, 1920-1939?</li></ul>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were the aims and achievements of Patrick Pearse?</li><li>• How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1923-1949?</li><li>• How was cultural identity promoted in Ireland, North and South, between 1920 and 1949?</li><li>• Following the experience of war, to what extent was the Belfast of 1945 different from that of 1939?</li></ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• From 1912 onwards, what factors contributed to the partition of Ireland, 1920?</li><li>• Between 1922 and 1932, what steps did the Cosgrave governments take to establish the Irish Free State on firm foundations?</li><li>• How well did Ireland, North and/or South, deal with the social and economic problems presented by World War II?</li><li>• To what extent were language, religion and education used to promote Irish cultural identity during the period, 1920-1949?</li></ul>