

Irish History Quiz

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I pledge that I have neither given nor received help on this Irish history quiz. I have not consulted the internet nor used any technology to answer these questions. However, I may consult past historian reports.

Directions: Circle the **best** answer.

1. This Irish American boxer was quoted as saying "What's the sense in being Irish if you can't be dumb."

- a) Bob Fitzsimmons b) Jim Corbett c) Billy Conn d) James Braddock

2. This Irish American boxer was the last of the bare-knuckle champions who pounded away without gloves for hours in marathon matches that lasted as many as 75 rounds.

- a) John Sullivan b) Jack Dempsey c) Jim Corbett d) Bob Fitzsimmons

3. Name the Lord Mayor of Cork murdered by the Royal Irish Constabulary in front of his wife in March 1920.

- a) Terence MacSwiney b) Tomás MacCurtain c) Sir Daniel Hegarty d) Tom Barry

4. What is the Book of Kells?

- a) a gospel book that contains the Christian Bible.
b) a book that contains a number of short prose passages about the life of Jesus.
c) a book that contains the history of the prominent Kells family of the time.
d) a book containing the four gospels from the New Testament.

5. What later additions can be found in the pages of the Book of Kells?

- a) recording property transactions at the monastery.
b) a Monks recipe for ale.
c) The Book of Revelations.
d) A word puzzle

6. This Irishman is responsible for writing the English lyrics to the Irish National Anthem, *The Soldiers Song*.

- a) Liam ó Rinn b) Francis Scott Key c) Peadar Kearney d) Patrick Heeney

7. Based on a system of slashes on a vertical line, this primitive language is the closest thing to an "old" Irish alphabet. What best represents this ancient language system?
a) Irish Gaelic b) Ogham c) Pictish d) "Old" Celtic language

8. All of these are considered Gaelic languages except:
a) Irish b) Scottish c) Welsh d) Manx

9. Saint Patrick as a young man was kidnapped from Wales. During his ministry in Ireland, he composed two letters: *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus* and *Confession*. What language was used to compose his letters?
a) Ogham b) Latin c) Early Irish Gaelic d) Welsh

10. The first Bishop of Ireland believed to have started his ministry to those "Irish believing in Christ."
a) Patrick b) Palladius c) Columcille d) Kevin

11. This born and raised Dublin author is known for their horrifying novel. Name the author.
a) Bram Stoker b) William Butler Yeats c) Mary Shelley d) Jonathan Swift

12. 'Typhoid Mary', who was an asymptomatic carrier of Typhoid, her given name was
a) Mary O'Hara b) Mary Robinson c) Mary Mallon d) Mary O'Brien

BONUS: A _____ Tea sign is shown in the background in a scene in Castletown in *The Quiet Man* (1952), the iconic film directed by John Ford that starred John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. What tea sign could that be?

a) Lyons b) Barry's c) Bewley's d) PG Tips