

## Irish History Quiz

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**Directions :** Circle the **best** answer.

1. Which city in Ireland has a nickname 'The Maiden City'?  
a) Belfast                      b) Derry                      c) Galway                      d) Dublin
2. What does the city's original name of "Daire" (for Derry) mean in English?  
a) Bend of the river                      b) Holywell                      c) Green Hill                      d) Oak grove
3. When did Derry/Londonderry become a city?  
a) 1576                      b) 1613                      c) 1776                      d) 1865
4. The city of Derry/Londonderry has two cathedrals; one is St. Columb's the Anglican cathedral. The other is the Roman Catholic cathedral. Which Saint is it named after?  
a) St. Eugene                      b) St. Patrick                      c) St. Brigid                      d) St. Brendan
5. In what year did the Act of Union adding the Cross of Saint Patrick to the British flag, which joined Ireland to Great Britain creating the United Kingdom and Ireland, come into effect? (Hint: think about the English flag at Williamsburg, Virginia.)  
a) 1691                      b) 1760                      c) 1801                      d) 1848
6. Which two cities became the capital of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland respectively after partition?  
a) Cork and Derry      b) Derry and Dublin      c) Belfast and Cork                      d) Belfast and Dublin
7. In the heat of battle, he looked down the line, clutched his rifle and shouted, "Come on, you **sons of bitches, do you want to live forever?**" **before charging out to meet the enemy.** Who is this famous Irishman?  
a) Daniel Daly                      b) Audie Murphy                      c) Davey Crockett                      d) Michael Collins
8. The current Taoiseach of Ireland is  
a) Leo Varadkar      b) **Micheál Martin**                      c) Simon Harris                      d) Michael Higgins
9. The **current Tánaiste of Ireland** is  
a) Simon Coveney                      b) Leo Varadkar                      c) Simon Harris                      d) Michael Higgins
10. What is the commonly referred name of Northern Ireland's Parliament Building  
a) Stormont                      b) Leinster House                      c) Dukes of Leinster                      d) Mansion House
11. Since 1922, **the Dáil Éireann** has met in this Parliament building of the Republic of Ireland, before that it functioned as the headquarters of the Royal Dublin Society.  
a) Mansion House      b) Chichester House                      c) Dublin Castle                      d) Leinster House
12. The peace agreement signed in 1998 is sometimes referred to as what?

- a) Holy Thursday Agreement
- c) Easter Sunday Agreement

- b) Good Friday Agreement
- d) Easter Accord

13. When President Kennedy visited Ireland in June 1963, what gift did he present to the Irish people?

- a) The Kennedy family bible from his great grandfather from County Wexford
- b) a copy of the Declaration of Independence
- c) a flag of the Irish Brigade
- d) a banner from New York's Saint Patrick's Day Parade (America's oldest Irish parade)

14. The word "Yahoo" began life as a made-up word invented by

- a) Jonathan Swift
- b) James Joyce
- c) Brendan Behan
- d) Oscar Wilde

15. The Taoiseach traditionally presents the U.S. President a gift on Saint Patrick's Day. What is the traditional gift? \_\_\_\_\_

1. b
2. d
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. a
11. d
12. b
13. c
14. a

15. **A bowl of shamrocks.** This tradition began in 1952 with a gesture to improve Irish-American relations, which had been strained due to Ireland's neutrality during World War II. The shamrock symbolizes the Holy Trinity and represents Ireland's cultural heritage. The bowl is often made of Waterford crystal or silver, symbolizing craftsmanship and the enduring ties between Ireland and the United States.