Modern Irish History

Readings

Mary E. Daly A Social and Economic History of Ireland Since 1800. (1981)
Ronan Fanning Independent Ireland, Helicon 1983
David Harkness Northern Ireland since 1920, Dublin, Helicon (1983)
Dermot Keogh Twentieth Century Ireland: Nation and State, Gill and MacMillan, 1994
F.S.L. Lyons Ireland since the Famine, London 1973
Cormac Ó Gráda A New Economic History of Ireland, 1780-1939, Oxford University Press 1994

Assignment

Why did Gladstone fail to solve the Irish Question?

Compare and contrast the ‘Parnell’ of three historians of your choice.

‘Irish and Irishwomen: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom…’ (1916 Proclamation of the Republic of Ireland).

What does the 1916 Proclamation tell us about the ideology of the 1916 Rising?

Why was Ireland partitioned?

Compare and contrast the ‘de Valera’ of three historians of your choice.

Compare and contrast the economic policies of the pre- and post-war Fianna Fail governments of independent Ireland.

Did national freedom mean more or less personal freedom for Irish women?

‘Stormont fell, not because Protestants distrusted Catholics, but because Protestants distrusted other Protestants’. Discuss.