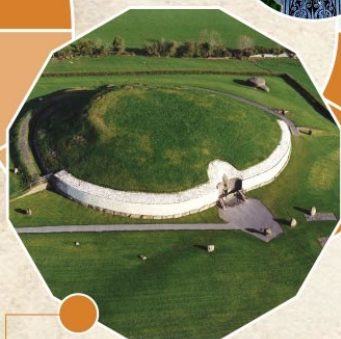


TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS IN IRISH HISTORY

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BC

C. 4000 BC

Stone Age farmers living in Ireland.

C. 3000 BC

The megalithic tomb of Newgrange is built

C. 700 BC

Celts arrive in Ireland.

5TH CENTURY

432

St Patrick arrives to convert the kings of Ireland to Christianity.



8TH CENTURY

795

Vikings arrive in Ireland

11TH CENTURY

1014

Brian Boru defeats the Vikings at Clontarf.

12TH CENTURY

1169

Normans arrive in Ireland.

14TH CENTURY

1347

The Bubonic Plague (Black Death) spreads across Europe. It is estimated that the disease kills one-third of Dublin's population.



16TH CENTURY

1542

Henry the VIII becomes the King of Ireland following the Crown of Ireland Act.

1586

The Munster Plantations begin and are the first mass plantation in Ireland.

17TH CENTURY

1607

The Flight of the Earls. Hugh O'Neil and Rory O'Donnell leave Ireland for Europe. The Ulster Plantation begins.



1690

The Battle of the Boyne is a turning point in the Williamite–Jacobite War as William of Orange defeats King James II to become King of England.

18TH CENTURY

1798

The 1798 Rebellion was an unsuccessful uprising against British rule organised by the United Irishmen and led by Theobald Wolfe Tone.

19TH CENTURY

1801

Acts of Union 1800 created the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

1829

Daniel O'Connell's campaign for Catholic emancipation is passed allowing Irish Catholics basic rights and ending Penal Law.



1845

The Great Famine begins in Ireland and would last until 1949. It is estimated that one million people died and one million people emigrated during The Great Famine.

1882

The Irish Parliamentary Party is formed by Charles Stewart Parnell.

1883

The Gaelic League (Conradh na Gaeilge) is founded by Douglas Hyde with the aim of reviving and promoting the Irish language.

1884

The Gaelic Athletic Association is created in Hayes Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

