

LIST OF DIGITAL SOURCES



Below is a list of digital sources that may prove useful in your research about the Great Irish Famine:

Google Books

<https://books.google.com/>

If you type the topic of your research into the Google search bar, and you will find a list of books associated with that topic. Click on 'search tools' and then 'any books' and select 'preview available'. The list of books will change to feature only those, which you may partially read. Even though access to the entire book is restricted, Google Books is a valuable research tool.

RTE/UCC Great Irish Famine Project

<https://www.rte.ie/history/the-great-irish-famine/>

This collaborative project brings together new and ongoing research on the Famine. The website showcases scholarship by key historians of the Famine period. Articles and explainers are illustrated with maps from the *Atlas of the Great Irish Famine* as well as paintings, cartoons, photographs and video. This project is the product of a partnership between RTÉ History, UCC and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Hunger: The Story of The Irish Famine

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/the-hunger-the-story-of-the-irish-famine/SI0000008058?epguid=IP000065818>

The RTE documentary made in conjunction with the editors of the *Atlas of the Great Irish Famine*, is available to view online on the RTE Player. Narrated by Liam Neeson, the two-part documentary marks the 175th anniversary of the appearance of the potato blight in Ireland. The documentary features rarely seen archive footage, rare, first hand witness accounts, 3-D CGI mapping, dramatic visuals and contributions by historians.

Great Famine Commemoration

<https://www.irishfamine.ie/about/>

Visitors to the Great Irish Famine Commemoration Website may review the work of the National Famine Commemoration Committee, first established in 2008. On the 'About' page links are provided to - among other sources - *A Journal of a Visit of Three Days to Skibbereen and its Neighbourhood* by Elihu Burritt and *Narrative of a Journey from Oxford to Skibbereen during the year of the Irish Famine* by Lord Dufferin and the Hon. G.G. Boyle 1847

Great Irish Famine Online

<https://www.irishfamine.ie/greatirishfamineonline/>

Launched in May 2018, the Great Irish Famine Online is a major collaboration between the Geography Department in UCC and the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The valuable online resource provides detailed information about the social, political and economic landscape of pre and post-Famine Ireland. Maps at Civil Parish level, visually depict changes in population; variations in levels of education; distribution of first, second, third and fourth class housing and types of occupation which prevailed in different localities. The scope of the project encompasses more than three thousand Civil Parishes in Ireland and is available through an App or online.

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The British Perspective on the Famine though Cartoons

http://www.irishhistorian.com/Punch/Punch_Famine.html

This website provides a selection of cartoons published in Punch during the Great Famine. These may prove a useful starter for a class on the Famine and/or for an exercise on cartoon analysis.

Contemporary Newspaper Articles and Illustrations from the Great Famine

<https://viewsofthefamine.wordpress.com/>

A beautifully-produced Wordpress website with links to original news reports, cartoons and paintings. Any of these sources - the paintings and drawings in particular - would provide an interesting starter image for a class about the Famine.

Coffin Ships

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/famine/coffin.htm>

This detailed article provides facts and statistics about the experience of Irish emigrants to America and Britain during and after the Great Famine. It may form the basis for a student project on emigration during the famine.

Irish Workhouse Centre

<http://irishworkhousecentre.ie/the-workhouse-story/>

The Irish Workhouse Centre in Portumna, County Galway provides an insight into what life was like in a workhouse. The centre's website provides a good overview of uniform, food, work rules, punishment etc.

Irish Famine Archive

<http://faminearchive.nuigalway.ie/>

The Digital Irish Famine Archive makes accessible eyewitness accounts of the Irish famine migration to Canada in 1847-1848. The archive contains the annals of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, or Sisters of Charity, who first tended to Irish famine emigrants, especially widows and orphans, in the city's fever sheds in 1847 and 1848. It also includes testimonies from Irish famine orphans.

Strokestown Learning Zone

<http://www.strokestownlearningzone.com/moodle/>

This excellent webquest, produced by the Irish Heritage Trust allows students to take on the role of crime scene investigators. They are asked to research and reflect upon the motive for the murder of Major Denis Mahon using a number of themes: life on the estate, famine relief, assisted emigration and what happened in the wake of the murder.

The Skibbereen Trail

<http://www.irishfamine.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Skibbereen-Trail.pdf>

Published in Skibbereen in 1996, this walking trail booklet includes a map of Skibbereen and highlights buildings and locations associated with the Famine in that locality. Each numbered location is elaborated on in the remainder of the downloadable booklet.

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Epic. The Irish Emigration Museum

https://epicchq.com/?utm_source=mybusiness&utm_medium=organic

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, located in Dublin's Docklands, is the world's first fully digital museum, dedicated to telling the story of Ireland's people and how they have influenced and changed the world. The Museum offers school tours and some excellent educational resources on its website.

Biography of Dr O'Donovan of Skibbereen, Hero of the Famine

<https://skibbheritage.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Dr-Donovan-Hero-of-the-Famine-in-Skibbereen-.pdf>

This downloadable article by Philip O'Regan, Skibbereen Heritage Centre provides a detailed background of this famine hero.

Some Local Perspectives

The following list of websites provide information on the effects of the Famine in different counties in Ireland. This is not an exhaustive list but may prove useful if teachers decide to expand the preliminary research into an examination of the famine in their own county.

[Famine in Sligo](#)

[Famine in Kerry](#)

[Famine in Cork](#)

[Famine in Waterford](#)

[Famine in Kilkenny](#)

[Famine in Limerick](#)

[Famine in Clare](#)

[Famine in Mayo](#)