

A STATE APART

Teachers Notes

Key Stage 3-4

Ages 14-16+

STUDY IRELAND: HISTORY – A STATE APART

A Unit of 5 Programmes dealing with the History of Northern Ireland from 1920 - 1994

Key Stage 4

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Teachers' Notes: Gerry Jones

Broadcast on **BBC Two Northern Ireland** on **Mondays** between **10.30am and 11.00am**

THE PROGRAMMES

Separate Government

Monday 6th November

The Civil Rights Movement

Monday 13th November

Ulster Workers' Council Strike

Monday 20th November

Hunger Strike

Monday 27th November

Agreement

Monday 4th December

AIM OF THE SERIES

This series deals with the History of Northern Ireland from 1920 to 1994.

It will be extremely useful for Key Stage 4 students taking the CCEA GCSE History Study In Depth course, "Changing Relationships: Britain, Northern Ireland and Ireland c1965 – c1985".

It will also be relevant for Key Stage 4 students taking the CCEA History GCSE course "Peace, War and Neutrality: Britain, Northern Ireland and Ireland and the Second World War c1932 – c1949".

The programmes will also be a valuable resource for History students in Key Stage 3 who are studying the impact of Partition on Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland, which is a key element in the new Revised History Curriculum for Northern Ireland.

Students of Local and Global Citizenship in Key Stage 3 may also find it helpful when studying the Key Concept of Equality and Social Justice.

The programme format is based on a presenter who outlines key events and attitudes and provides an analysis of the history of the period using a range of contemporary sources of evidence. It is hoped that pupils will be encouraged to use the programmes to gain information but also to challenge the presenter's views and selection of sources. Once they have analysed the style of the programmes, pupils may debate the series as an historical interpretation as well as discussing the issues central to each topic.

AFTER THE BROADCAST

The teachers' notes provide an outline of the programme content and suggest activities which may be undertaken before, during and after viewing. Teachers are encouraged to preview each programme before classroom use and a photocopyable Teachers' Viewing Logsheet is provided to assist in keeping notes and timings.

In addition to notes and suggestions, a number of Pupil Worksheets are provided for use as follow-up classroom activities. The blank format Pupils' Viewing Logsheet may be used to focus pupil attention on aspects of the content whilst viewing each programme.

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Programme 1

SEPERATE GOVERNMENT

CONTENT

This opening programme in the series traces the history of Northern Ireland from the Government of Ireland Act 1920 to the 1960s, opening in 1965 with the historic meeting between Terence O'Neill, the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and Sean Lemass, Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland. The programme travels back to the 1920s and sketches the history of Ireland in the ensuing 45 years. The approach combines comparison of trends North and South with a chronology of the landmark events.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The first programme traces the History of Northern Ireland from 1920 to 1964 and provides an historical backdrop for the four remaining programmes. It covers a number of complex topics in a general way. As such, it might be useful to pause the programme at intervals to allow pupils to discuss the various sections of the programme, particularly if they are using the Pupil Log provided.

KEY SECTIONS

1. The opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, 1921
Attitudes of Unionists, Northern and Southern Nationalists
2. War, Treaty and Civil War in the South
The Boundary Commission 1919 – 1925
3. DeValera, Fianna Fail and constitutional change in the South
Basil Brooke and the nature of Northern Ireland, 1926 – 1939
4. Economic and social conditions North and South
The impact of the Second World War, 1929 – 1945
5. Post-war changes including the NHS, education and economic development in Northern Ireland
Increased political awareness amongst Northern Nationalists
The failure of the IRA campaign 1956 – 62
The emergence of Terence O'Neill as Prime Minister in 1963

BEFORE THE PROGRAMME

- A review of 'Steps to Partition' would set the scene for the events outlined in the Programme.
- Brief pupils on the key personalities mentioned.

DURING THE VIEWING

- Pupils may make notes on the Pupil Viewing Log.

AFTER THE PROGRAMME

- Compile a timeline of events from 1920-1963. Choose and discuss events which might be seen as major 'Turning Points'.

HISTORICAL SKILLS/ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Programme 1 provides a clear timeline of key events in the History of Northern Ireland since 1920. Opportunities are provided for the pupils to place the key events in chronological order and note the most important events in the period. Viewing the programme should give pupils a sound understanding of the main people, issues and changes involved in the period.

(Assessment Objective AO1 CCEA GCSE History Specification)