

Topic : Ireland, the Land of Music

AXE 1:

KEY QUESTION: How does traditional Irish music reflect Irish identity and culture?

How has Irish music helped to create a strong national identity?

LESSON 1

Discovering Ireland through music

Activity 1 : Warm-up – Brainstorming (10 mns)

What comes to your mind when you hear “Ireland”?

<i>Nature</i>	<i>Culture</i>	<i>Music</i>	<i>History</i>

Activity 2 : Geo-cultural context (5-7 mns)

What is Ireland?

Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCru9LL45QU>

Ireland is divided in ____ parts. The _____, also known as *Éire*, is the biggest part. Its capital city is _____.
_____ is part of the United Kingdom. Its capital city is _____.

Give a title to the map :

1. Label the map below using the information from the video : countries – capital cities – seas and oceans

2. Write the countries.

Great Britain: _____ + _____ + _____

The United Kingdom: _____ + _____ + _____ + _____

The British Isles: _____ + _____

3. Complete the sentences with the names of the countries and languages.

In England people speak _____. In _____ people speak English and Welsh.

In Northern Ireland people speak _____ and _____. In _____ people speak _____ and Scots.



Activity 3 : Traditional Irish music (15mns)

Listen to “Whiskey in the Jar” Live Irish Music in Gogartys Temple Bar, Dublin
(a song by the group The Dubliners)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Hc2hpaNja4>

While watching, try to identify :

a- The place where they are :

b- The instruments :

c- The rhythm : ☐ lively ☐ energetic ☐ fast-paced ☐ slow-paced ☐ gentle ☐
relaxing ☐ Rhythmic ☐ slow

d- The mood/the atmosphere : ☐ joyful ☐ Peaceful ☐ sad ☐ lively ☐ hopeful
☐ lonely ☐ nostalgic ☐ melancholic ☐ hopeless ☐ merry ☐ pleasant ☐ friendly
(convivial)

So after watching, sum up your answers :
where are they and what instrument did you hear ?

How would you describe the rhythm ?

How does this music reflect Irish identity ?

Vocabulary worksheet + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou5UC9ql--s>

