

Topic : Ireland, the Land of Music

AXE 1: Identities et exchanges

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)

Objectives :

- Activate students' knowledge about Irish culture
- Identify key elements of traditional Irish music.
- Work on listening comprehension using videos

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

Green – rain – Guinness – beer – leprechaun, Saint Patrick, Celtic, fiddle, pubs, rugby – Dublin – Riverdance - music ...

Today, we are going to explore how traditional Irish music reflects Irish identity and culture.

<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 **two** parts. **The Republic of Ireland**, also known as *Éire*, is the biggest part. Its capital city is **Dublin**. **Northern Ireland** is part of the United Kingdom. Its capital city is **Belfast**.

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: **England** + **Scotland** + **Wales**

The United Kingdom: **England** + **Scotland** + **Wales** + **Northern Ireland**

The British Isles: **The United Kingdom** + **The Irish Republic**

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

In England people speak **English** . In **Wales** people speak English and Welsh.

In Northern Ireland people speak **English** and **Irish (Gaelic)**. In **Scotland** people speak **English** 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 : **They are in a pub. Some people are playing music while others are listening and having a drink.**

b- The instruments : **Tin whistle / whilstle / the guitar / the fiddle / the voice (a man is singing)**

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>

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