Northern Ireland
Context
A Few Facts

- Also named « Ulster »
- Capital: Belfast
- Population: 1,903,100 inhabitants (in 2021)
- Languages: English, Irish, Ulster Scots
- Part of the U.K.
The Partition of Ireland

**1918:** Sinn Féin (the nationalist party) wins the majority of Irish seats at the election, and they proclaim a Republic.

**1919:** Creation of the Irish Republican Army (IRA)

**1921:** Division of Ireland into Ulster (mainly Protestant) remaining part of the U.K. with its own Parliament, and the Irish Free State (a British dominion, that is to say an independent state which is part of the Commonwealth). The Irish Free State will become Eire (1937), and then the Republic of Ireland (in 1947)
"The Troubles"

- The Troubles refer to a period of riots between the Protestants and the Catholics:
  - The Protestants wanted to remain in the UK
  - The Catholics wanted one single Ireland: they wanted Northern Ireland to be reunited with the Republic of Ireland.
- Many acts of terrorism were perpetrated, with the IRA for the Catholics and the UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force) for the Protestants.
Oral Comprehension
CO #2: “Zombie” by the Cranberries (1994)
CO #1: *Derry Girls* (2018-2022)