IRISH HISTORY
A FEW FACTS ABOUT IRELAND

• One island, two countries:
  • Northern Ireland (part of the U.K.)
  • the Republic of Ireland (independent).

Northern Ireland

Capital: Belfast
Inhabitants: 1,900,000 (2011)
Created in 1921 (after the Government of Ireland Act)
Religion: mostly Protestants

Rep. of Ireland

Capital: Dublin
Inhabitants: 5,011,500 (2021)
President: Michael D. Higgins
Religion: mostly Roman Catholics

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IRISH CULTURE
ORAL COMPREHENSION
“NANCY MULLIGAN,” ED SHEERAN (2017)
“THE MYTH OF OISÍN AND THE LAND OF ETERNAL YOUTH”
“SAINT PATRICK VS THE SNAKES AND OTHER MYTHS AND LEGENDS BEHIND ST. PATRICK'S DAY”
WRITTEN COMPREHENSION
• Read the excerpt, either:
  • **All of it** if you feel confident enough
  • Up until “*a step or two further*” if you don’t feel comfortable enough
• Read the article about the creatures from Irish folklore.
• Pick a creature from the list and imagine a different encounter for Lucy.
• You can write a dialogue or just tell the story (or both). The narrator can be 1st or 3rd person.
• The tone can be light, scary, meant for very young kids or teens (about 250-300 words).