

Kilkenny & Cobh (19th Century)

1. Think-Pair-Share:

What do you already know about the town of Cobh, Co. Cork? What is it famous for?

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2. Watch the Video Clip and Answer the Following Questions.

<https://vimeo.com/232957176>

- a) What made Cobh an attractive place to live for the 'new prosperous middle class'?
- b) Look at the 'Deck of Cards' terrace of houses. Based on the exterior view shown in the video clip, what type of people do you think lived in these houses?
- c) According to the architect, what type of people owned the houses on the Crescent?
- d) How did the design of the Crescent help to show the status of its owners?
- e) What was unique about the Crescent in Ireland in the 1850s?

3. Watch the Video Clip and Answer the Following Questions.

<https://vimeo.com/232957544>

- a) What do you think of Robertson's decision to decorate the exterior of the castle with medieval/gothic features? Would a 21st century architect do something like this?
 - b) What does the Moorish staircase and Picture Gallery tell us about the status of the Butlers of Ormonde in the 1800s?
 - c) What was the significance of having Scandinavian, Anglo-Saxon and Celtic decorations in the Picture Gallery?
4. In this lesson, we have examined evidence of the living conditions for the middle and upper classes in Ireland in the 1800s. There is a lack of material evidence of the living conditions for the working/cottier class in Ireland in the 1800s. Why do you think this is the case?