

Title: The First Dáil Éireann



Learning Intentions:

In this lesson, we are learning to:

- ☐ Research primary sources.
- ☐ Describe how the First Dáil came about.
- ☐ Reflect on the contribution of key-players who were in the First Dáil Éireann.

21st January 1919

In the 1918 General Election, Sein Féin opted not to take their seats at Westminster, opting instead to form their own Dáil.

On 21st January 1919, Sein Féin MPs met in the Mansion House, Dublin to set up their own parliament called the First Dáil.



Read the associated 1919 newspaper articles;

[Sunday Independent](#)

[The Irish Independent](#)

[Select other newspapers from the Irish Newspaper Archive](#)

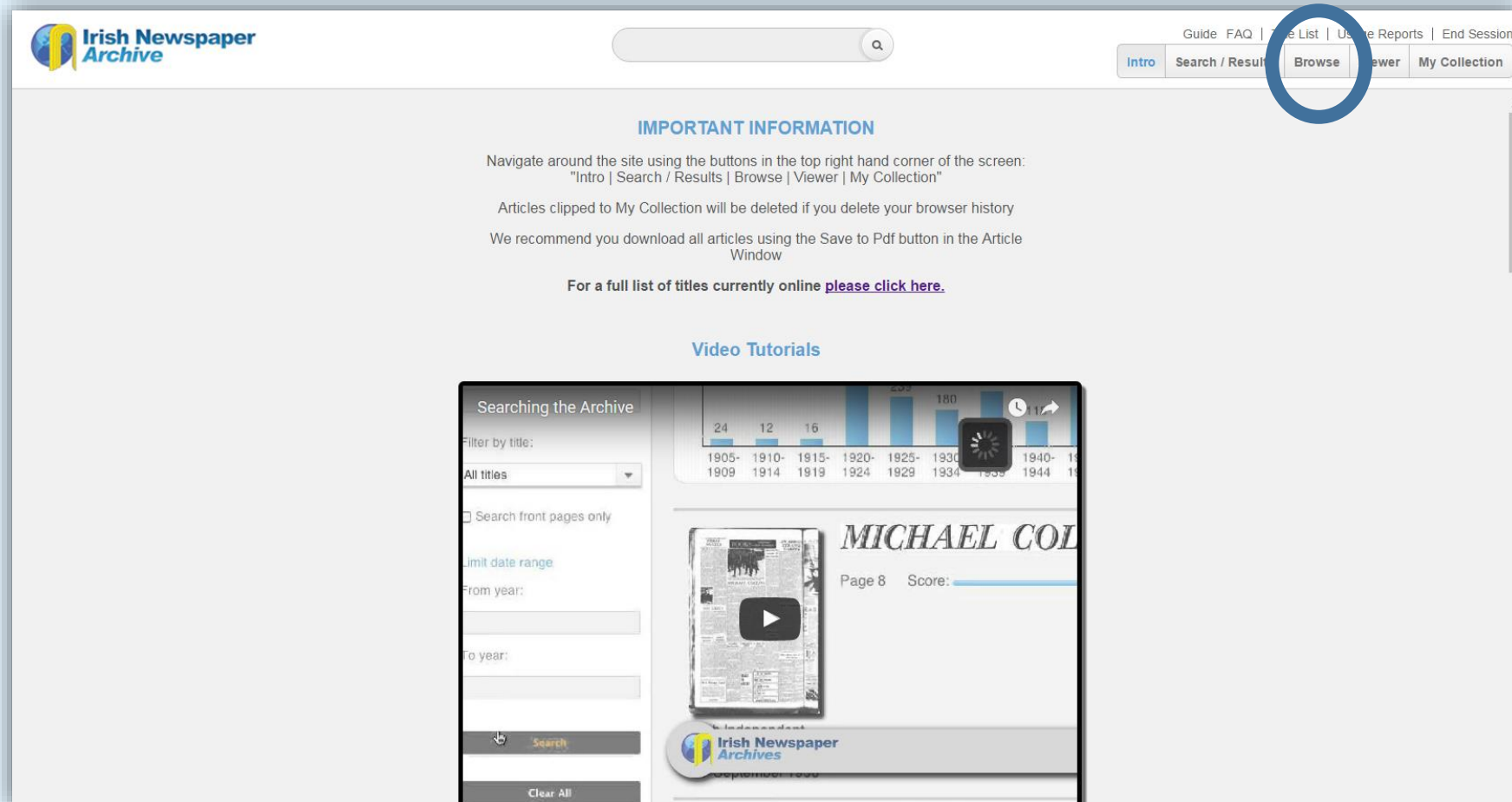


Using the Irish Newspaper Archive, research how the newspapers reported the establishment of the First Dáil.

Researching Primary Sources

[Access the Irish Newspaper Archive through Scoilnet here.](#)

Click on the 'Browse' to find primary sources for particular years and papers.



The screenshot shows the Irish Newspaper Archive website. The top navigation bar includes links for Guide, FAQ, Title List, Usage Reports, and End Session. Below this, a row of buttons contains 'Intro', 'Search / Results', 'Browse', 'Viewer', and 'My Collection'. The 'Browse' button is circled in blue, with a blue arrow pointing to it from the text above. The main content area features 'IMPORTANT INFORMATION' and 'Video Tutorials'. A video player is embedded, showing a search interface with filters and a bar chart of search results.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Navigate around the site using the buttons in the top right hand corner of the screen:
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Articles clipped to My Collection will be deleted if you delete your browser history

We recommend you download all articles using the Save to Pdf button in the Article Window

For a full list of titles currently online [please click here.](#)

Video Tutorials

Searching the Archive

Filter by title:
All titles

☐ Search front pages only

Limit date range
From year:
To year:

Search

Clear All

Bar chart showing search results by year range:

Year Range	Count
1905-1909	24
1910-1914	12
1915-1919	16
1920-1924	180
1925-1929	180
1930-1934	180
1935-1939	180
1940-1944	180

Video player showing a newspaper clipping titled **MICHAEL COL**. Page 8. Score:

Irish Newspaper Archives

Researching Primary Sources

Use the arrows to scroll through the years

Select the month of paper here.



Select title:

Irish Independent 1905...

Day of week:

All

January

February

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04 January 2017



Thursday,
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Click on the search icons beside each name to discover profiles on each key player.

 **Minister for
Defence**

**Minister for
Labour** 

**Minister for
Industries**

**Minister for
Local
Government**

 **Minister for
Finance**

 **Minister for
Home Affairs**

**President of
the Dáil** 

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key players using the*

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**Cathal
Brugha**



**Count
Plunkett**



**Michael
Collins**

**Eoin
MacNeil**

**W.T
Cosgrove**



**Arthur
Griffith**

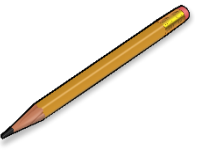
**Éamon
De Valera**



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Reflect - What do you know about the key players to date.



Cathal Brugha	Eamon De Valera	Arthur Griffith
Count Plunkett	Eoin MacNeil	W.T Cosgrove

Click on the picture to locate the Mansion House in Dublin, the place where the First Dáil met.



President of the First Dáil



Eamon De Valera

Elected: 1st April 1919

Eamon De Valera was in prison when the First Dáil met.

Cathal Brugha acted as president

Visit www.taoiseach.gov.ie
for more details.

RTÉ Archives

Students can click on the
'RTÉ Archives' to watch
and listen to podcasts
about the First Dáil.

POBLACHT NA H EIREANN
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty, six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,
THOMAS J. CLARKE,
SEAN Mac DIARMADA, THOMAS MacDONAGH,
P. H. PEARSE, EAMONN CEANNT,
JAMES CONNOLLY, JOSEPH PLUNKETT.



*Did the members of the
First Dáil support the
declaration of an Irish
Republic, 1916?*








*Do you think the British
government approved
of the First Dáil?
Why?*



Reflect on the Learning Outcomes:

	 Fully Understand	 Unsure on few details	 Don't understand
Research primary sources			
Describe the formation of the First Dáil Éireann.			
Reflect on the contribution of key-players who were in the First Dáil Éireann			

For more resources,
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