

Curriculum links: Politics and society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993 - civil rights movement; emergence of the provisional IRA; impact of 'the Troubles'
Key personality: John Hume
Case study: The Apprentice Boys of Derry

RTÉ Archives, Online exhibition: Violence in Northern Ireland 1969 - August 1969 (Part 1)

Access the online exhibition [here](#).

Activity 1

Watch the clip, 'Riots follow Apprentice Boys parade'.

Form groups of four. Assign one of the four individuals/groups below to each group member. Each group member takes notes on the actions of their individual group as they watch the video clip, shares their findings with the group and the group then feeds back their observations to the class.

Apprentice Boys

Protestors

RUC

John Hume

Activity 2



Watch the clip 'Derry riots and destruction' (1969) and answer the questions below.

The first five minutes (approx.) of the clip show footage of rioting and damage caused to the streets of Derry during the so-called **Battle of the Bogside**.

The remainder of the clip contains interviews with civil rights activists Ivan Cooper and Eddie McAteer.

1. Describe what evidence you see in the first five minutes of this clip of violence, rioting and damage done to the streets of Derry.

2. How has violence escalated compared to the previous clip, 'Riots follow Apprentice Boys parade'?

3. How does Ivan Cooper describe the situation in the Bogside area?

4. Explain Cooper's understanding of what direct intervention by Westminster would mean for Northern Ireland.

5. Based on Cooper's comments, why do you think the residents of the Bogside are 'so determined' to keep the police out?
