

JFK HOMESTEAD

■ 3 The Restoration and the Augustan Age

Before watching

1 Video vocabulary. Match the English words on the left with their Italian translation on the right.

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| 1. homestead | <input type="checkbox"/> | a) degli antenati |
| 2. ancestral | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) euforico |
| 3. great-grandfather | <input type="checkbox"/> | c) abbronzato |
| 4. famine | <input type="checkbox"/> | d) raggiungimento |
| 5. peasant | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) casa colonica |
| 6. descendant | <input type="checkbox"/> | f) orgoglioso |
| 7. powerful | <input type="checkbox"/> | g) bisnonno |
| 8. emigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> | h) subire un'emorragia |
| 9. proud | <input type="checkbox"/> | i) discendente |
| 10. euphoric | <input type="checkbox"/> | j) contadino |
| 11. charismatic | <input type="checkbox"/> | k) carismatico |
| 12. tanned | <input type="checkbox"/> | l) avere buoni rapporti con la gente |
| 13. achievement | <input type="checkbox"/> | m) carestia |
| 14. relate to people | <input type="checkbox"/> | n) potente |
| 15. haemorrhage (verb) | <input type="checkbox"/> | o) emigranti |

2 What do you know about Irish history and the link with the famous Kennedy family from the US? Try to answer the following questions in small groups.

- When was the Great Famine in Ireland?
- How many people left Ireland in that period?
- How many of the Kennedy family were Presidents of the USA?
- What happened to both brothers, John Fitzgerald and Bobby Kennedy?

While watching

3 Watch the video and put the following events in the order they're mentioned in the video.

- a) Kennedy's relationship with the local Irish community during his visit
- b) Details of Kennedy's visit to his ancestral home
- c) The location of the Kennedy homestead
- d) The departure of JF Kennedy's great-grandfather for the United States
- e) The level of security for Kennedy's visit
- f) Details of the Kennedy family tree

4 Watch the video and decide if the following statements are true or false.

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| 1. The Kennedy homestead is in County Wexford. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. The Kennedy family emigrated to America because of the Great Famine in Ireland. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. The speaker in the video is related to the Kennedy family. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Most people emigrated to the US in search of the American dream. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. J.F. Kennedy was given a warm welcome when he visited his ancestral home in Ireland. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. There were security problems for his visit. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. People were disappointed by what Kennedy said about Irish emigration. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. J.F. Kennedy represented an example of the American dream for many people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5 What do the numbers on the left refer to in the video? Match them with the concepts on the right. Then watch the video again to check.

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| 1. 1848 | <input type="checkbox"/> | a) the population of Ireland before the Great Famine |
| 2. 7 million | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) the date when Patrick Kennedy left Ireland during the Great Famine |
| 3. 3 million | <input type="checkbox"/> | c) the number of people claiming to have the same ancestry as JF Kennedy |
| 4. 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | d) the number of JFK's great-grandparents who left Ireland for the US |
| 5. 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | e) the year Kennedy visited his ancestral home |
| 6. 25 million | <input type="checkbox"/> | f) the number of people who came to see JF Kennedy in Ireland |
| 7. 1963 | <input type="checkbox"/> | g) the number of generations that have lived in the family home in Ireland |
| 8. hundreds of thousands | <input type="checkbox"/> | h) the population in Ireland after the Great Famine |

After watching

6 Go to this website www.sparknotes.com/biography/jfk/summary.html and find the answers to the following questions.

1. When and where was J.F Kennedy born?
2. Where did he go to university?
3. Was he a good student?
4. What was his father's job before the war?
5. What happened to his brother during the war?
6. When did J.F Kennedy enter politics?
7. When did he beat Richard Nixon to become President of the US?
8. What happened in Autumn 1962?
9. Why was he known as the 'television president'?
10. When was J.F. Kennedy assassinated?

7 Imagine you're a journalist covering the story of J.F. Kennedy returning to his ancestral home in Dunganstown in 1963. Write a short article for your newspaper describing the President, his arrival in Air Force One, the crowds, their reaction to him, the security etc.