

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.

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