Dunbrody Famine Ship

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Before watching

1 Video vocabulary. Match the word on the left with the definition on the right. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. crop   ☐ a) a ship used to transport things, not people

2. harvest   ☐ b) an identical copy of something

3. famine   ☐ c) a situation when there is not enough food and people die of hunger

4. merchant ship   ☐ d) a specific type of fruit or vegetable grown on agricultural land

5. outbreak   ☐ e) physically demanding or difficult

6. arduous   ☐ f) the beginning/ start of something important or serious, for example a war

7. coffin   ☐ g) the collecting of different types of food at a specific time of year

8. replica   ☐ h) the wooden box that people are put in when they die

2 Now do the same for these words and expressions.

1. provisions   ☐ a) the specific quantity of food given to people in periods of crisis

2. deck   ☐ b) person paying money to rent a piece of land or a flat/house

3. to bury   ☐ c) an adjective meaning 'small', often used colloquially for children

4. ration   ☐ d) basic food, drink and other objects people have with them on journeys

5. wee   ☐ e) make a big hole in the ground and put something inside it

6. estate   ☐ f) the person who is the owner of a house or flat and rents it to people called 'tenants'

7. tenant   ☐ g) the smooth flat wooden surface on a ship

8. landlord   ☐ h) a group of houses in a specific district or area

3 Looking at the words and expressions from the exercises 1 and 2, discuss with a partner what you think the video will be about.

While watching

4 Watch the whole video and put the following items in the order they are mentioned in the video.
  ☐ a) A description of the Dunbrody Famine Ship and its origins
  ☐ b) A list of famous people or relatives of famous American people who travelled to America on famine ships from Ireland
  ☐ c) The devastating effects of the famine in Ireland
  ☐ d) A description of Ireland in the mid-19th century
  ☐ e) A woman passenger's story
  ☐ f) The bad harvest in 1845

VIDEO ACTIVITIES

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5 Watch the first part of the video (from 00.00 to 00.46) again and correct the mistakes in this summary.

There was a bad harvest of apples in 1845 and many people were without food and in the next sixteen years half a million people died in Ireland. Many people decided to travel to Europe to escape the famine, usually travelling by train.

6 Before you watch the next section (from 00.47 to 02.02), try to fill in the missing information in the summary with the words in the box.

1845 • weeks • replica • ventilation • coffin • Quebec • North America • provisions • 300 • 1847

The man's name is Sean Reidy. He explains that the ship is a .... (1) of the original Dunbrody Famine ship. The original ship was built in .... (2), Canada in 1845 and was one of 12 to 15 ships owned by William Graves of New Ross.
When the ship came back to Ireland in .... (3), it was immediately used to take people to .... (4) to escape from the famine. There were .... (5) people on the ship travelling across the Atlantic, not knowing where they were going and the journey lasted six .... (6). The passengers had very basic .... (7) and their accommodation was below deck so the passengers were without .... (8) or natural lighting except for half an hour a day when they were allowed on deck.
In .... (9), these kinds of ships were known as '...................... (10) ships' because of the high mortality rate on board.

Now watch the video from 00.47 to 02.02 and check your answers.

7 Now watch from 02.03 to 03.32 and complete the profile for the woman passenger.

Name: .... (1).
Surname: .... (2).
Number of children: .... (3); two twins aged .... (4), Richard aged 10, Henry aged .... (5) and the baby born in the winter.
Address before going on ship: Fitzwilliam Estate, ... (6) miles from the ship.
Lost 2 children last .... (7).
Cost of passage to America by ship: .... (8).
Length of journey to America .... (9) days.

8 Watch the last part of the video from 03.33 to the end and fill in the missing information.

According to Shaun Reedy, many famous people have travelled on ships like the Dunbrody, including Patrick Kennedy, the .... (1) of JF Kennedy, James O'Neill the .... (2) of Eugene O'Neill, Michael Keough, the great-grandfather of a future President of the .... (3) company, James Hoban, the .... (4) of the White House and John Barry, the founder of the American .... (5).

After watching

9 Write a page in the diary of one of the Dunbrody Famine Ship's passengers making the voyage to America in that period. Write about a day on the ship, what you usually do, what you see and hear around you and how you are feeling at that time.

10 The man interviewed on the ship mentions James Hoban as one of the famous people who sailed for America. Go to en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Hoban and find the answers to the following questions.

1. Where was James Hoban born?
2. Where did he study in Ireland?
3. Where did Hoban start working in the United States?
4. In which year did Hoban win the competition to design the White House?
5. How many storeys (or floors) did the original design have?
6. Where did Hoban spend the final part of his life?

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