

# A Brief history of Ireland

**5000 – 2000 BC**  
**Stone Age**

Passage Graves, e.g.  
Newgrange Dolmens

**2000 – 5000 BC**  
**Bronze Age**

Transition from stone to  
metal - Craftsmen were able  
to make stronger weapons,  
tools and jewellery

**500 BC**  
**Iron Age**

The Turoe  
Stone has La-  
Tène carvings

**400 AD**  
**Iron Age**

St. Patrick

**500 – 700 AD**  
**Intro of  
Christianity**  
**Monastic  
Settlements**

**700 AD**  
**Viking Invasion**

Conquered coastal towns  
and villages e.g. Dublin,  
Cork and Galway

**1014 AD**  
**Battle of  
Clontarf**

Death of Brian  
Ború.  
End of Viking  
Invasion

**1169 AD**  
**Norman  
Invasion**

**1170 Ad**  
**Arrival of  
Strongbow**

**13th, 14th, 15th Century**  
**Normans settle in Ireland**

Build might castles to  
defend their territories

**1560 – 1750**  
**Penal Laws**

**1586**  
**Plantation of Ulster**

**1601**  
**Battle of Kinsale**

**1607**  
**Flight of the Earls**

**1654**  
**Cromwellian  
Plantation**

**1690**  
**Battle of the Boyne**

**1798**  
**United Irishmen  
Rebellion**

Theobald Wolfe Tone

**1800**  
**Act of  
Union**

**1170 Ad**  
**Daniel O'Connell era**  
Catholic Emancipation Act passed  
O'Connell elected

**1845-1849**  
**The Great  
Famine**

**1916**  
**Easter Rising**

**1921**  
**Anglo Irish  
Treaty**

**1922-1923**  
**Civil War**  
Sinn Féin splits into two parties.  
Fianna Fáil under De Valera (anti Treaty)  
Fine Gael under Michael Collins (pro Treaty)

**1937**  
**De Valera's  
Constitution**

**1998**  
**Belfast  
Agreement**

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