



Angela's Ashes Irish Culture Research Project

Part One:

Ireland, for being such a small country, has an amazing and varied history deeply rooted in unique culture and tradition. Since this is a country you most likely know little about, our class will go on a virtual field trip to the Emerald Isle!

For this project, you will choose one aspect of Irish culture that you find interesting, and you will present it to the class.

You may...

- Prepare a traditional Irish dish and bring it to class to share with your peers.
- Learn an aspect of the Irish culture and present it to the class—sing a song (traditional songs, lullabies), do a dance, perform a piece of music (these may be done as a group!!!)
- Create a timeline of some aspect of Irish history.
- Research an Irish holiday or tradition and bring some aspect of it to present to the class so that we can experience the holiday.
- Research the unique pronunciations found in the Irish Gaelic language and “teach” the class this language.
- Research several Irish poets and do a poetry reading for the class.

Presentations are scheduled for November 23, 24th and 25th and they can be NO LONGER than 7 minutes and no less than 5 minutes.

All research and “practice” for this portion of the assignment will be done on your own time.

Part Two:

In the story, Frankie McCourt holds the story of Cuchulain close to his heart; it is *his* story. This story is an example of an Irish legend. Your task is to choose one of the different types of Irish “Literature” below and make it YOUR story and represent it both visually on a small poster (8x10) and in writing.

You may choose ONE STORY from any of the following topics, or you may choose a topic of your own as long as it is pre-approved by me first.

You must provide the following:

- A visual of the legend/myth/story—this can be a picture, drawing, painting or any combination of those three. You may do this in collage format. This should be on the 8x10 paper and should include the title of the story and the name of the “person” about whom you are writing.
- You should provide a summary of the story or history in a one-two page document. You must also properly cite your sources at the end so that I know where you found your information.

Here are some topics you may research. Again, please ask if you have another topic you’d like to cover.

TOPICS:

Irish Folklore

Irish Legends

Celtic Mythology

Leprechauns

Faeries

Irish symbols (claddagh, Celtic cross)