

# Week 11

Ireland: Land, People & History  
*Politics & Economy*





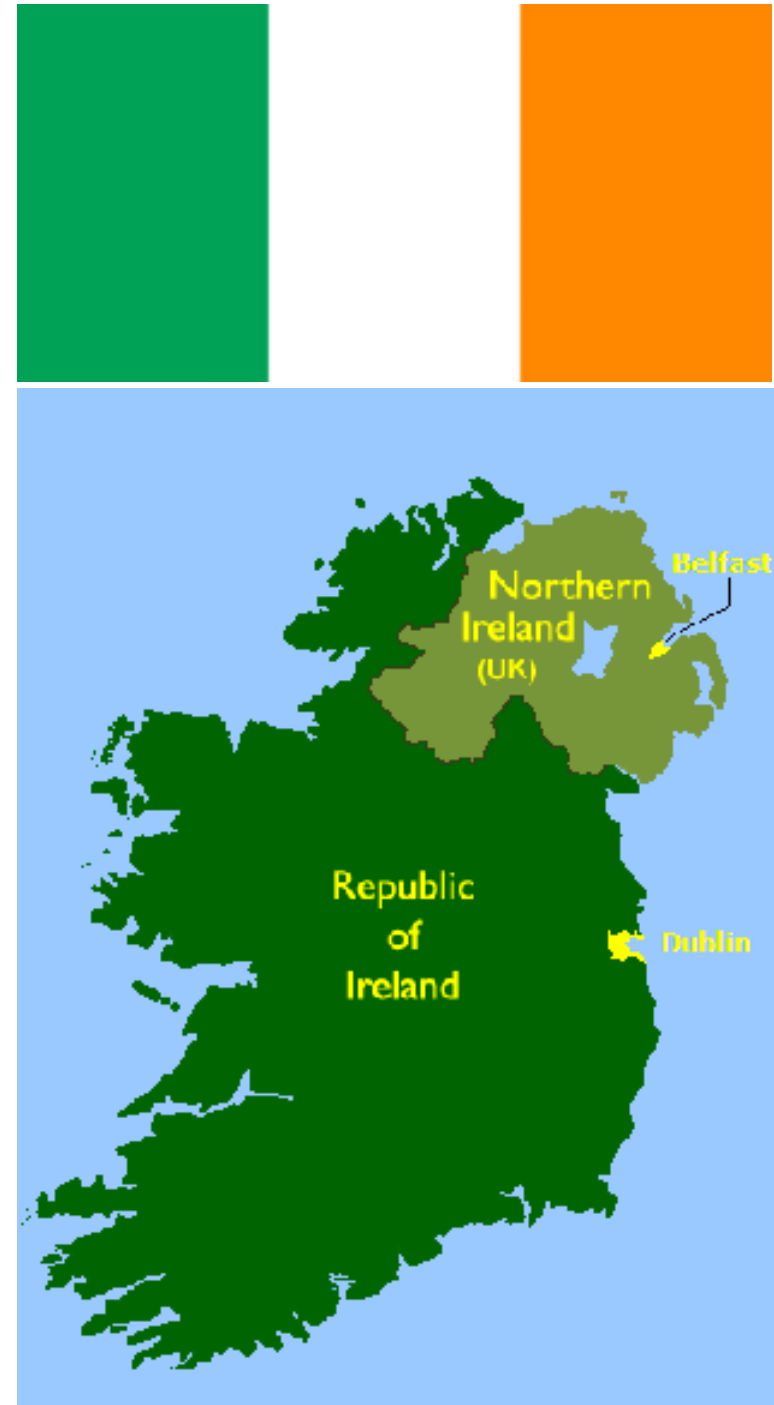
# Republic of Ireland

*(part one – units 11&12)*



# Republic of Ireland

- Independence *(from the U.K.)* April 24, 1916 (declared)  
December 6, 1922 (recognized)
- Area 70,273 km<sup>2</sup> (120<sup>th</sup>)
- Population 4,460,000 (121<sup>st</sup>)
- Language Irish, English
- Government Constitutional democratic republic and Parliamentary democracy
- EU accession January 1, 1973\*
- Head of State *(President)* Mary McAleese
- Prime Minister Brian Cowen
- Capital City Dublin
- Currency Euro €



# Important Topics

## Unit Eleven – Ireland: Land, People, and History

- Geography, Land, Environment
  - Agriculture / Tenant Farming
- Homogeneous Population
  - (*White 94.8%, Asian 1.3%, Black 1.1%, Mixed 1.1%*)
- The Celts
- Brehon Law
  - Fine (*tribe / clan*)
- Christianity
  - Saint Patrick
- Viking Marauders
- Norman Invasion (1167 A.D.)
- Famine of 1845 – 1848
- Independence
  - Sinn Fein – “we ourselves”
  - Anglo-Irish Treaty (1921)
  - Northern Ireland / Republic of Ireland
  - Protestant north
  - Catholic south



# Important Topics

## Unit Twelve – Ireland: Politics & Economy

- Representative Democracy
- Checks & Balances
  - *(executive branch, legislative branch, judicial branch)*
- President (Uachtaran)
- Prime Minister (Taoiseach)
  - Cabinet
  - Parliament (Dail & Senate)
    - Teachtaí Dála (TDs)
- Civil Service
- Public Service
- Legal System Hierarchy
  - District Court
  - Circuit Court
  - High Court
  - Supreme Court
- Accession to the EU
  - Social Policies
  - Economic Policies
- Economic Transformation
  - Celtic Tiger (1995 – 2007)
- Multinational Culture

