

HIS 275T The Emergence of Modern Ireland  
Midterm Exam Study Guide

It's that dreaded time once again with exams approaching. However, you should look upon these as an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of the subject. There will be no surprises on this exam to anyone who has done the reading and attended (and paid attention in) each class.

In your revision / exam preparation you should use several resources, starting with readings on moodle, your lecture notes, and also the items at the end of this guide.

The upcoming midterm consists of three parts.

**Part 1** is a **map quiz**, where you should demonstrate your familiarity with the geographical dimension of this course. See the maps at the end of this guide. One gives you the information you need and the other is a practice map.

You will get ten places to be located on a blank map. You'll also be expected to be able to distinguish between Northern Ireland and Ulster. In total, the map quiz accounts for 30% of the overall exam grade.

CITIES (2 points each)

Dublin  
Belfast  
Cork  
Galway  
Limerick  
Derry/Londonderry

PROVINCES / COUNTRIES (3 points each)

Leinster  
Munster  
Connacht  
Ulster

NORTHERN IRELAND/ULSTER? (4 points)

In **part 2**, you shall demonstrate your understanding of **key factors in the history of Ireland**. Keep in mind that in answering an essay question you are expected to include an **introduction** and **conclusion**! I will grade accordingly!

You will have to answer one of the following essay questions counting for 40% of the final grade:  
**Note: one of the following will not appear on the exam paper.**

1. Was Daniel O'Connell's main achievement the creation of a politicised Irish Catholic nation?
2. Was the famine a natural disaster or a human creation?
3. Did the Land War result in a social revolution in Ireland?
4. In 1914 a Home Rule bill was passed. Why was it not implemented?

**Part 3** is designed to show your knowledge about the 'hard facts': You will get three names/terms to define (see sample list below); counting 10 points each, altogether 30% of your overall grade.

- The 1798 Rebellion
- The Act of Union
- C.S. Parnell

### **Select Bibliography:**

The following is a small selection of works in the library which will be of help to you in your revision. It's not exhaustive so do explore the catalogue for yourself!

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