

WELCOME TO DR CONOR'S LOCKDOWN HISTORY FOR KIDZ!

I am Dr Conor Reidy and on the first Wednesday of every month I contribute the **Tipperary Hidden Histories** slot on Tipp Today on Tipp FM! I am a professional historian, editor and former lecturer.

This list provides a fun way for children to enjoy the study of History at home during our temporary lockdown. The suggestions are divided into different categories of interest including the Vikings, the Great Famine, Mythology, Ancient Egypt, the 1918 Influenza Pandemic, as well as other topics.

This is not designed to substitute or supplement Irish primary school teaching. It is intended as a fun way of learning History with suggestions for activities to help children fill all this spare time!

It does not matter if some of the material featured here is not part of the school curriculum. History is History. Learning is Learning. Keeping young minds occupied and active with verified facts that will fascinate, is all that matters.

Much of this can be enjoyed by the child or children on their own and there are many activities that parents can set after the videos are viewed as a way to keep their interest alive. I will make some activity suggestions at the end of this list, but you may have your own!

While the videos are child-friendly, you may wish to check out some of the darker topics in advance to ensure that they are suitable for your own individual family.

Enjoy!

Dr Conor

PS. I included a few random selections for parents and guardians at the end!





Irish Mythology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqyVElvBtE8> The Tale of Cú Chulainn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgHBGFL9v7s> Cú Chulainn: The Legend of the Irish Hulk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGvRjz58UH4> The story of Cú Chulainn, read by Ronnie Drew

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlNdhq1OOeU> Finn McCool and the Giants Causeway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpNazPx-16Q> Maeve and The Bull of Cooley, read by Ronnie Drew

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceMwvbLXrYc> Fionn MacCumhaill, read by Ronnie Drew

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9tDPcbOUfk> Tír Na nÓg, read by Ronnie Drew

The Great Famine for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAnT21xGdSk> Irish Potato Famine – Isle of Blight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4Dc0ltgf3I> Irish Potato Famine – The Corn Laws

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DP8INm09nY> Irish Potato Famine – Black '47

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csNlKTRJiS0> Irish Potato Famine – The American Wake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLlNAwyUFBs> Irish Potato Famine – The Young and the Old

The 1918 Influenza Pandemic for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ9WX4qVxEo> The 1918 Flu Pandemic – Emergence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gt-VQGNiSWU> The 1918 Flu Pandemic – Trench Fever

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHIYBBZL_y8 The 1918 Flu Pandemic – Order More Coffins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHGz4QvDVIM> The 1918 Flu Pandemic – Fighting the Ghost

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSxaojFNAsU> The 1918 Flu Pandemic – Leviathan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSLKFWXBdbg> The 1918 Flu Pandemic – The Forgotten Plague

Ancient Egypt for Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZe49S1Q8b8>

Egyptian Mythology: The Essential

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=P7Gp7PUOftA&hl=en-GB>

Ancient Egypt

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=C_VAKsav2W4&hl=en-GB

Let's Play: Ancient Egyptian!

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=Xtc0LQuA3z4&hl=en-GB>

The Pyramids of Egypt

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=RjvvrAwgCYg&hl=en-GB>

Ancient Egypt: Mummies

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=Hra0ge-m7uk&hl=en-GB>

The Great Mystery of the Pyramids of Egypt



The Vikings for Kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=gA6b-H7VM3U&hl=en-GB> Amazing Viking facts for kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=HRAXu3KH37o&hl=en-GB> Vic the Viking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpxIGTvKwOE> Viking History for Kids (primary school)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSN5XDywG0c> A Brief History of the Viking Age



Miscellaneous

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=AesgRREuCQI&hl=en-GB> Castles

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=P2C2gPqsmAc&hl=en-GB>
Travel through Time

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=vItGE697NXM&hl=en-GB>
5 things you should know about the Industrial Revolution

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=yuu5vAo_0F8&hl=en-GB
Adventure into the Industrial Revolution

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=I6i8cLXPGQE&hl=en-GB>
The Story of the Taj Mahal for Kids: Famous World Landmarks

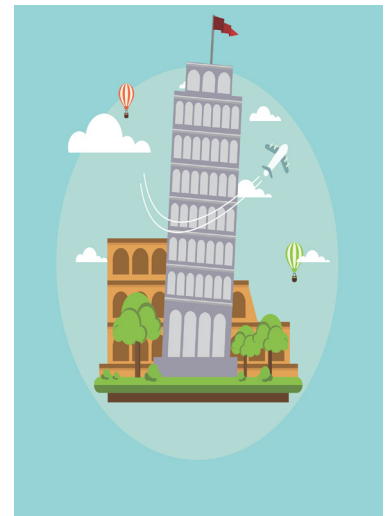
<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=usHRc7G0gVo&hl=en-GB>
The Statue of Liberty for Kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=WKphjf3VZhA&hl=en-GB>
The Golden Gate Bridge for Kids

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=QhEeh_BcADg&hl=en-GB The Giant Heads of Easter Island for Kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=DUafW5QkASA&hl=en-GB> Eiffel Tower for Kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=fKmpld1PoPQ&hl=en-GB> Big Ben for Kids



<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=b4qkrzr7xvs&hl=en-GB>

15 Famous Monuments Around the World

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v= zzO1pmjUYM&hl=en-GB>

Leaning Tower of Pisa History and Facts

https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=u-IJZ9I_KMg&hl=en-GB

Amazing Discoveries and Inventions in History

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=IAQAAJo1f0&hl=en-GB>

History of Civilizations for Kids

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=PRn5iONxSQQ&hl=en-GB>

Secret History of Pizza

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=QKae1k1BDdA&hl=en-GB>

A brief history of cheese

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=GTOCBaDBVGI&hl=en-GB>

Secret History of Pasta



Websites

<https://www.historyforkids.net/> History for Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/history/>

National Geographic for Kids

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

BBC History for Kids

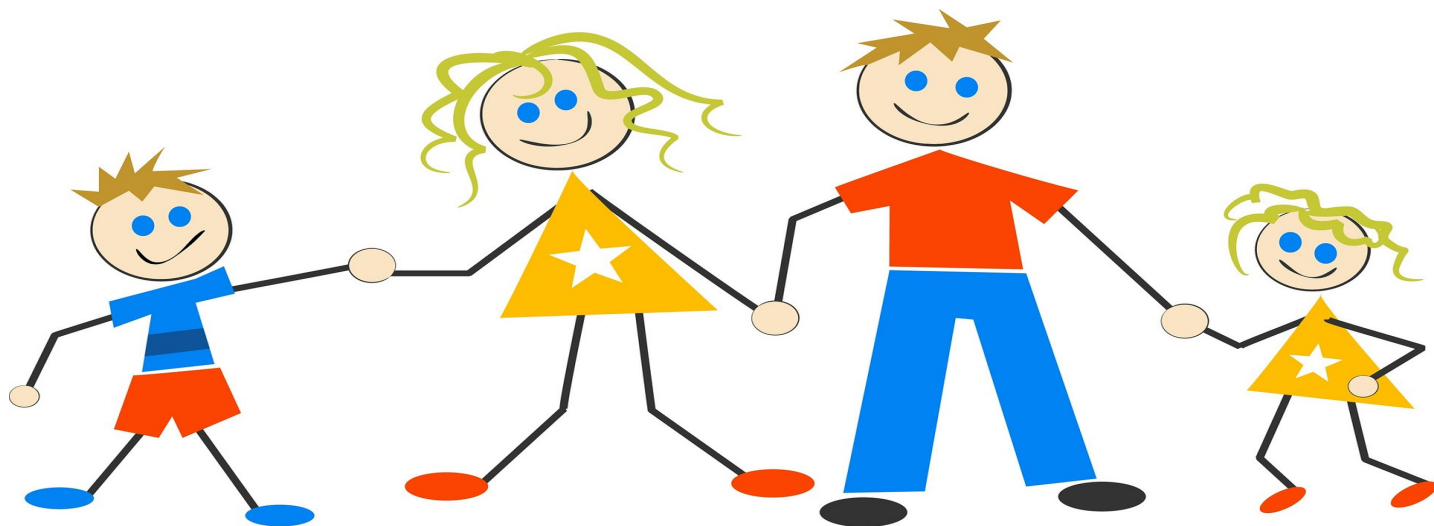
<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/cool-online-museums-for-curious-kids>

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<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=fKmpld1PoPQ&hl=en-GB> Big Ben for Kids

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/> Scoilnet

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html> NASA for Kids



For Parents and Guardians

<https://www.historyireland.com/hedge-school-recordings/> History Ireland Hedge School Recordings

<https://www.history.co.uk/> History Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse> General Education including History

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ie/podcast/ucd-centre-for-history-medicine-in-ireland-talks-events/id397741868>
UCD Centre for History of Medicine Podcasts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDOojsG62O0> JFK assassination coverage as it happened

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wM60m7rmvzs> Nixon resignation coverage as it happened

<https://ifiplayer.ie/independencefilms/> Irish Film Institute: The Irish Independence Film Collection

<http://soviethistory.msu.edu/> Seventeen Moments in Soviet History

<https://www.marxists.org> Writings of a large collection of thinkers

<https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/> Primary sources on a range of international historical events

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/> A National Library of Australia resource that provides online access to resources such as books, images, historic newspapers, maps, music, archival documents and more

<https://www.nls.uk/digital-resources> National Library of Scotland: Digital Resources

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works?wellcomeImages> Find thousands of freely licensed digital books, artworks, photos and images of historical library materials and museum objects.

<https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/home.html> World War One online

<https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/historical-collections> CIA Historical Collection



The following activities can largely be done independently by the child/children although a little assistance or distant supervision might be needed in some cases. Before they tackle an activity, they should check out the videos, research the websites as required and begin work when they feel armed with sufficient knowledge. This ensures that they use skills such as independent research, selection, decision-making, adaptability, looking at new perspectives, and resilience. Most of the time they will acquire these skills without knowing – the most important thing is that they are engaged in some level of learning while having FUN! A busy brain is a happy brain! By the way, make sure their effort rewarded with much praise when the activity or project is complete.

Encourage the child to **draw a cartoon strip** telling a story from one of the topic areas

Invite the child to **draw a giant picture** combining and linking one or more of the topics

Suggest that the child writes a **fictional story** under headings such as ‘my life as a child in Ireland during the Famine’ or ‘my life as an Egyptian pharaoh’, etc

If there is more than one child in the household then you could invite them to **stage a play** based on any of the topics – you will need to use your imagination to come up with an idea but let them take the lead!

Create a **timeline** of an interesting historical figure using either text, art or both

Invite the child to create a **time capsule** of their life during this period that will be buried in the garden (or somewhere appropriate) as the restrictions come to an end. Use an old biscuit tin or some such receptacle that will keep the items secure. The purpose of this is that it should tell the people of the future about your life in their past – leave traces that best illustrate your life now. Children will love this!

Create a **‘grandparents’ project**. If grandparents are not with us, then find an elderly neighbour or friend of the family that the child can engage with over the phone. They should create a poster that reflects the life and societal changes that took place from the time of the older person’s childhood to that of your child. It could be presented to the older person by an intermediary or by the child after the restrictions are lifted. (Consider the community benefit of this for the elderly and isolated!)

Create a brochure of the **Seven Wonders of the World** using art or writing to explain what we know about each one including, physical composition, location, age, etc.