

EXPERIENCE
Clasnevin
IRELAND'S NATIONAL CEMETERY



Activity Pack **01**

Draw a line to match the question to the answer



(Check the last page to see if you were right!)

When did Glasnevin Cemetery open?

Daniel O'Connell

Who set up the cemetery?

1775

Where was the cemetery's founder born?

1832

What year was Daniel O'Connell born?

County Kerry

This is Daniel O'Connell's family crest.

The colours and pictures used on crests all have a special meaning.

Can you see the stag on the O'Connell crest?

A stag is often a symbol of peace and harmony.



Can you pick out any other symbols on this crest?



Underneath the stag there are three words: **'ciall agus neart'**.

This means:
wisdom and strength.

This is the motto of the O'Connell family.
Many family crests have a motto.



Get Creative! Draw a crest for your family or friends

You can use the template
on the next page.

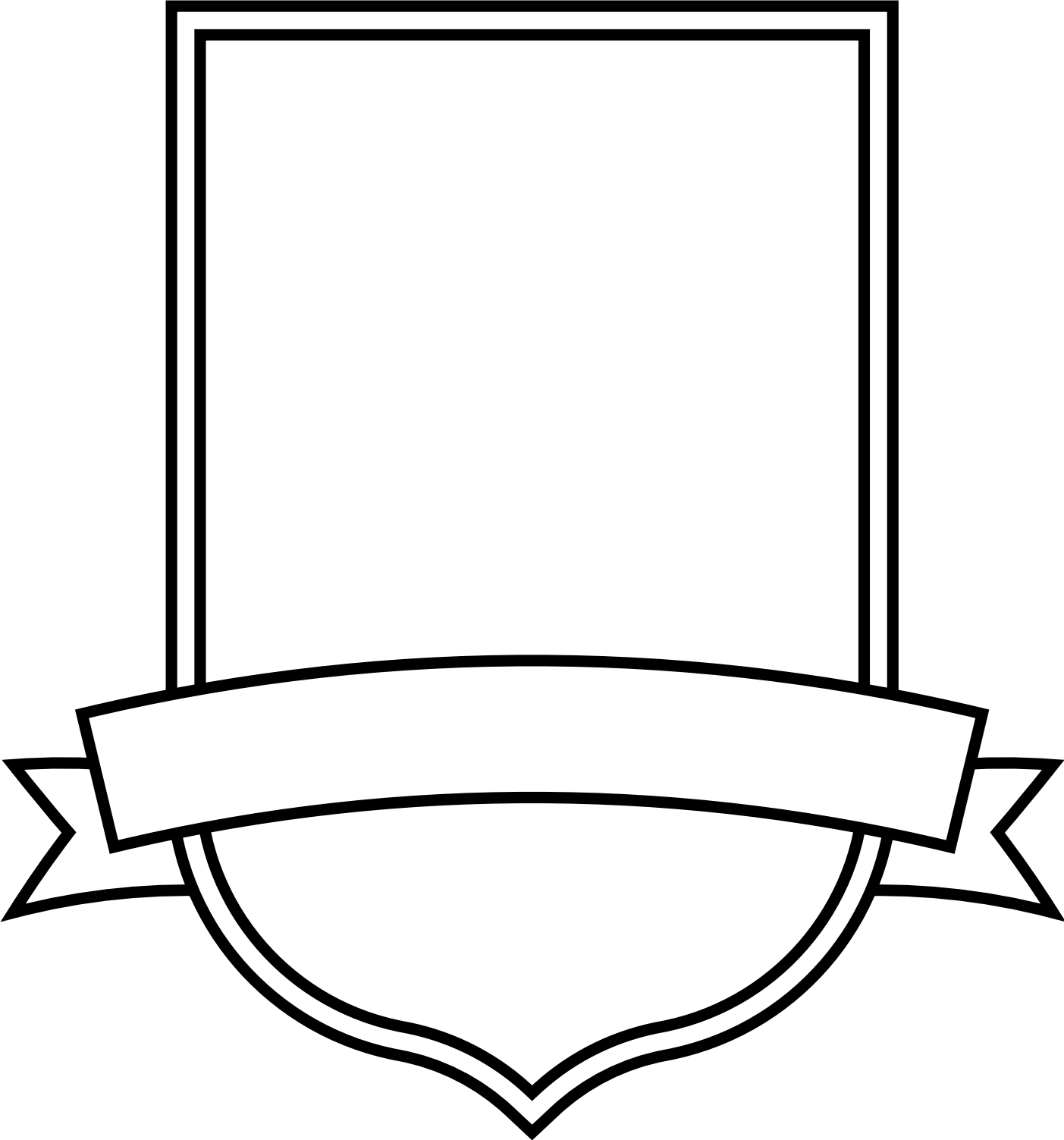
You might know what your family crest looks like, or maybe you need to investigate by asking a family member.

You could design a new and original crest to represent your family/or friends!

Think of colours and objects that have a special meaning for your family/or friends.

Before you start !

Write your ideas in the thought bubble!



**If you do not have a printer
you can use a plain sheet of paper instead.**

The 1916 Easter Rising

What do you already know about the 1916 Easter Rising?

You may remember that it began on Easter Monday (which fell on the 24 April in 1916). The rebels wanted to gain independence for Ireland from Britain. They took control of many strategic (important) buildings and locations in Dublin and used the General Post Office (GPO) as their headquarters.

Do you know who delivered the surrender to the Easter Rising?

It was the woman pictured on the left, Elizabeth O' Farrell. She was a member of Cumann na mBan (a women's group that wanted to get independence for Ireland) and was stationed in the GPO. She tended to the injured and acted as a messenger.

She travelled to Galway to announce that the Rising was going ahead and made her way back to Dublin by train!

Elizabeth is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery. She died in 1957.



Margaret Skinnider was a maths teacher from Scotland, who was also an expert markswoman!

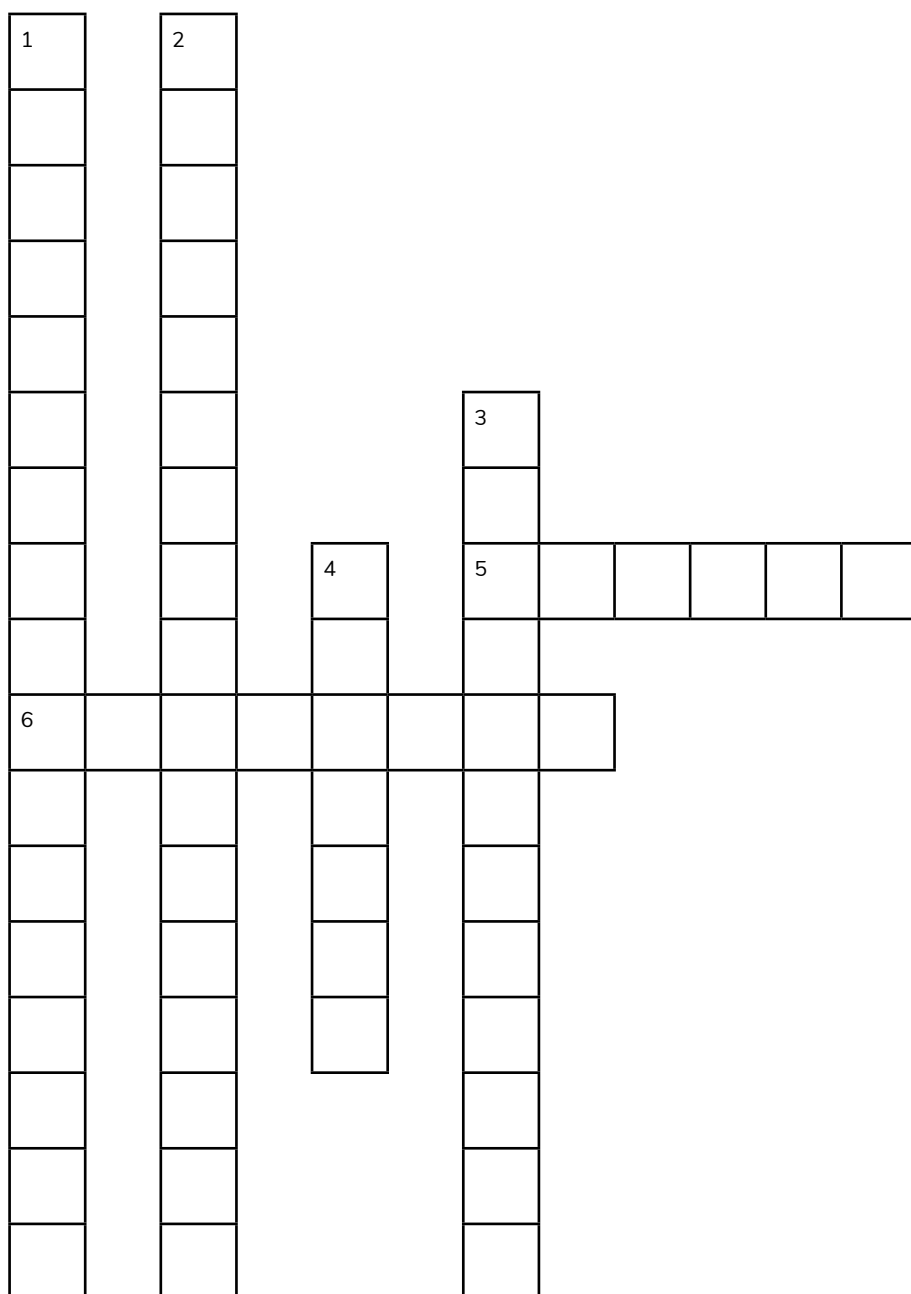
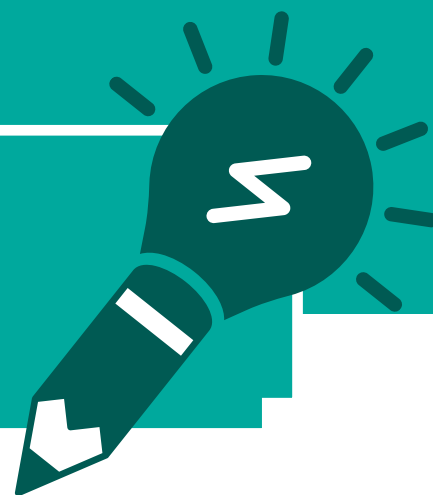
She too was a member of Cumann na mBan and came to Dublin for the Rising.

She was a sniper on the roof of the College of Surgeons, on St. Stephen's Green. She was shot three times in one incident during the Rising and later remembered thinking: "It's all over, as I felt myself falling. But a moment later, when I knew I was not dead, I was sure I should pull through." She stayed in Dublin and worked as a primary school teacher until 1961.

She died in 1971 and was buried in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Puzzle Time

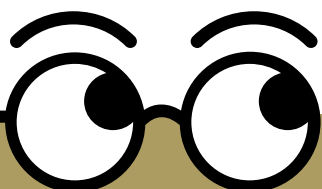


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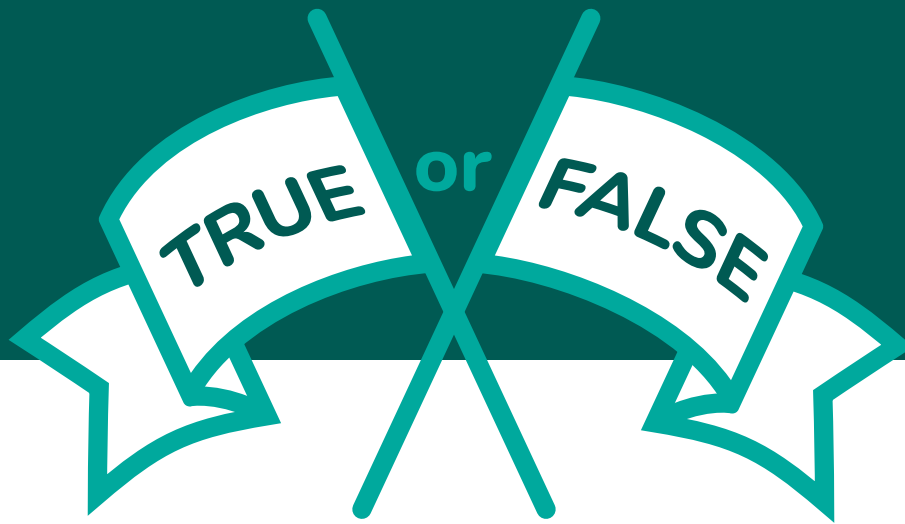
5. What day of the week did the 1916 Easter Rising begin?
6. Where was Margaret Skinnider from?

Down

1. What building was used as the headquarters for the Rising?
2. Who delivered the surrender to the 1916 Easter Rising?
3. What group were Elizabeth O'Farrell and Margaret Skinnider both members of?
4. Margaret Skinnider was on the roof of the _____ of Surgeons.



HINT? All the answers are in this activity book!



Read the facts below and decide if you think they are true or if they are false?

Put your answer in the flags below.



A group of Irish Volunteers (marching from Maynooth to the GPO) took the chance to rest and slept in Glasnevin Cemetery.



The man who raised the tricolour flag over the GPO (on the first day of the Rising) is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery.



Éamon de Valera was in command of Boland's Mill during the Rising.

Turn over to the next page to see if you are right!



Psst!
They are all
TRUE!

1

The Maynooth 15 - There was confusion as to when the Rising would start and so a group of Irish Volunteers (a military group that wanted to achieve Irish independence) in Maynooth did not get word of fighting until the Rising had already started.

They decided to march to Dublin and cut through Glasnevin Cemetery (wading through the River Tolka) at night and took the opportunity to rest.

They later arrived at the doors of the GPO with extra men and ammunition!

2

Gearóid O'Sullivan was a teacher and a member of the Irish Volunteers. He raised the flag on the roof of the GPO on the first day of the 1916 Easter Rising.

3

During the Rising **Éamon de Valera** was in charge of Boland's Mills. He later became Taoiseach of Ireland and was the President of Ireland for 14 years.

(Answers from page 2)

When did Glasnevin Cemetery open?

Answer: 1832

Who set up the cemetery?

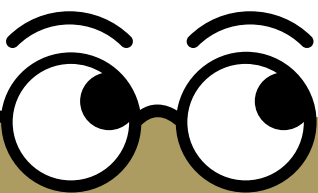
Answer: Daniel O'Connell

Where was the cemetery's founder born?

Answer: County Kerry

What year was Daniel O'Connell born?

Answer: 1775



Who built Ireland's first railway?
Keep posted for Activity Pack 2
to find out!

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