During the 18th and 19th centuries there was great poverty throughout Ireland. Many people emigrated to other countries. What do you think emigration means?

Look at the panel ‘The Great Hunger 1847-1849’. What caused the potato crop in Ireland to be destroyed?

List three reasons why people emigrated from Ireland.

1. 
2. 
3. 

Imagine that you and your family are on board a ship emigrating to America, saying goodbye to your friends. Write a few sentences to describe how you are feeling.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________
Now listen to the audiovisual on Emigration and answer the following questions:

How did people fund their passage to America?
Who emigrated to America in the 18th Century?
Who were the two main shipping companies in Derry/ Londonderry?
1. 
2. 

Emigration created a dramatic growth in the shipping industry during the 18th & 19th Centuries in the city.

During this time Derry was one of the main Ports for ships going to America. Why do you think this was?

Look at the panel ‘The Emigrant Ships’. How many ports did ships from Derry/ Londonderry sail into?

Look at the ‘Ships Panel 1824 – 1846’. Who launched the Great Northern?

A separate company owned each railway line. Which was the most prosperous railway company? Circle the correct answer.

- Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway
- Great Northern Railway
- County Donegal Railway
Look at the panel on ‘Trains Nineteenth – Twentieth Century’.

How many railway lines went in and out of Derry?

Which of the lines still remains today?

Why do you think that the city only has one railway line operating today? Give two reasons for your answer.

1.

2.

A separate company owned each railway line.

Which was the most prosperous railway company?

Look at the panel ‘The Shirt Industry 19th – 20th Century’ and answer the following questions:

Who set up Derry’s shirt industry?

What were ‘outworkers’?

How did the invention of the portable sewing machine change the shirt industry?

What other industries have replaced the shirt industry in the city today?