THE TROUBLES
Activity Trail
at the Tower Museum
What happened at the Civil Rights March in Derry 5 October 1968?

What was the impact of the television coverage of this march?

Following the violence at this march the NICRA called for a programme of reforms such as:

- The vote for everybody as in the rest of the UK
- Re-drawing of the electoral boundaries by an independent commission
- Review of laws against discrimination in employment
- Compulsory points system for housing allocation
- Repeal of the Special Powers Act
- Disbanding of the Ulster Special Constabulary

Why do you think they issued this statement?
Battle of the Bogside
The Battle of the Bogside broke out following the Apprentice Boys March in Derry on 13th August 1969. Barricades were put up and petrol bombs were used.

4. What happened at a direct result of this?

Internment
In the early hours of 9 August 1971 troops raided houses all over Northern Ireland, taking over 340 people into custody. In Derry 16 men were interned.

5. Use the information you have from the film to give two opinions on the use of Internment.
   Internment is wrong because...
   Internment is necessary because...

6. What impact did this measure have on the situation in Derry?

Bloody Sunday
1.
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7. What was the impact of Bloody Sunday on the city?

8. What did the British Government decide to do as a result of Bloody Sunday?

9. What is sectarian violence?
Hunger Strike

In 1981 a number of IRA prisoners went on hunger strike. Why did they decide to do this?

The Road to Peace

What impact did the 1995 visit by President Bill Clinton have on the city?

Name the agreement that officially brought an end to the Troubles?

Use the timeline on the wall to help you fill in 8 key events that happened between the two shown.

1. Direct Rule 1972
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10. Good Friday Agreement 1998

Ulster should stay British and be ruled from London.
We need local politicians all working together in Stormont.
Tackle racism! NI is more multi-cultural now.
The six counties should be ruled by Ireland.
Children should be educated together.
Politics is not important - let our kids grow up in peace.
Sectarianism stops businesses investing in Northern Ireland.

Discuss these statements with your teacher in more detail back at school.