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# Ireland in 1880

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Ireland at the turn of the century

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# Keywords

- Unionists
  - Nationalists
  - Republicans
  - Moderate
  - Extreme
  - Independence
  - Home Rule
  - Culture
  - Politics
  - Westminster
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# Key terms

**Republic** = A state whose head is an elected president

**Kingdom** = A state whose head is a monarch

**Unionist** = Those who supported the union with Britain.

**Nationalists** = They wanted to leave the UK and have our own government

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# Ireland at the turn of the century

- Was a rural country (60% lived in the country side)
  - Only area with much industry was around Belfast.
  - Since 1800 with the Act of Union we were united to the Kingdom of Great Britain.
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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland**

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# Ruling Ireland

- Ireland was in the United Kingdom
  - It was ruled by the British King or Queen
  - We had no parliament of our own
  - We sent our MP's to Westminster
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**Westminster  
Houses of Parliament**

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# Westminster

House of Lords

- 28 Irish Lords
- Conservative
- Wealthy
- Hereditary

House of Commons

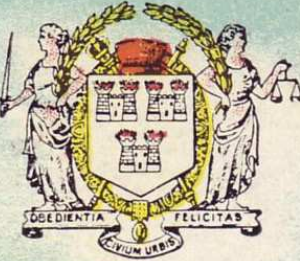
- 655 MPs
  - 105 Irish MPs
  - MP = member of parliament
  - Elected Representatives
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# Making Laws for Ireland

- Westminster parliament made laws for Ireland as well as England
  - There were two representatives in Ireland to help rule Ireland.
  - The Lord Lieutenant and Chief Secretary
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# Dublin Castle

- Taxes
  - Police
  - Education
  - Poor Laws
  - Controlled the Police
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- The final say was had by London which led to confusion



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# Policing

- DMP for Dublin
  - RIC for the rest of the country
  - Dealt with petty crimes riots and evictions
  - The Special Branch also watched trouble makers and spied on members of nationalist and socialist organisations
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# Divided Nationalists

**Moderate Nationalists** = wanted to achieve independence using peaceful and political means

**Republicans / Extreme Nationalists** = Willing to use physical force to gain independence

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# Home Rule

Wanted Ireland to have its own parliament which would deal with local issues like health and education.

In return they would accept the British king as King of Ireland and let the Westminster parliament make decisions about important issues such as war and peace

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