

Undertaking the History RSR

WICKLOW COUNTY ARCHIVES - RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS Leaving Certificate History RSR



As part of our outreach activities, Wicklow County Archives, with support from the Heritage Council, have developed a resource pack, for teachers and students, on the **Leaving Certificate History Research Study Report (RSR)**. The pack is designed to support both teachers and students as they undertake work on the RSR project.

The resource pack is made up of six elements: *A guide to Wicklow County Archives*, *Student and Teacher guides to the RSR*, a guide on *How to do Historical Research*, in PowerPoint and PDF format and a series of *RSR Worksheets*, for students to record their activities and findings. All are available free to download from the Archives website (see back page).



We hope that these support and guidance documents will be useful teaching resources and will help students in completing their RSR project and also encourage them to explore Wicklow's rich history for possible topics for the project.

THE GUIDE TO THE ARCHIVES

The purpose of the guide is to make students aware of the history around them in County Wicklow and its impact locally, nationally and internationally. It also outlines the kind of historical information available in both the Wicklow County Archives and the Our Wicklow Heritage website and how that can be used in supporting topic selection for the History RSR.



Wicklow County Archives and the Our Wicklow Heritage website hold an enormous amount of information on the history of the county, its people and places. While a good deal of the information is local in its nature, the county did not exist in isolation of important national and international events. From the 1798 rebellion, the famine, the struggle for votes for Catholics and later women's enfranchisement, 1916, World War I, the War of Independence, through the Civil War, the establishment of the state and industrial and economic development, the people and places of Wicklow all had a role to play.

GUIDE TO THE RSR - TEACHERS

A comprehensive guide to the RSR for teachers, based closely on NCCA guidance, which covers general guidelines, the planning and development process and marking indicators. It also includes a number of case studies for evaluation purposes.



GUIDE TO THE RSR - STUDENTS

A step by step guide to completing the RSR project from topic selection, establishing its historical significance, beginning research, developing the outline plan, source evaluation, completing the essay and the review process, including a final checklist.

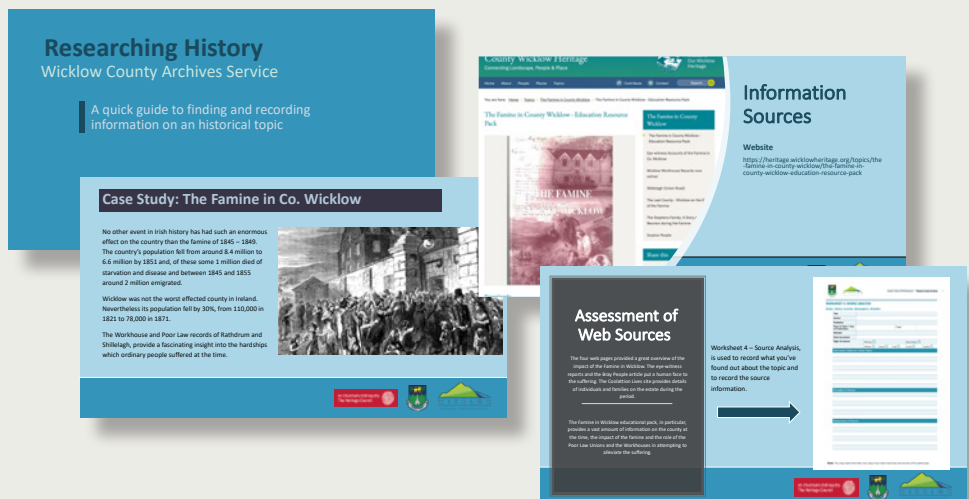


HOW TO RESEARCH HISTORY

A guide to carrying out History Research, primary and secondary resources, establishing the historical significance of the topic. Selecting a focused topic, formulating questions, finding sources, citing sources and linking research and evidence.



The PowerPoint presentation is a quick guide to carrying out historical research, source identification, recording of evidence, citation of sources and assessment of the information gathered. It uses a case study topic, in this case the famine in Wicklow, to walk through the information gathering and assessment stages.



RSR WORKSHEETS

A series of worksheets to assist students in topic selection, information gathering and assessments and source citation.



The Support Materials

All of the support materials are available online and free to download at: <https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Archives/Collections/Digitised-Collections>

	Format	Content
Guide to the County Archives for Teachers and Students	PDF & Print	A guide to the Wicklow County Archives and the Our Wicklow Heritage website and the resources available to help you complete your project
Teacher's Guide to the RSR	PDF	A guide of the processes and requirements for completing the RSR project.
Student's Guide to the RSR	PDF	Step by step guide to how to complete the RSR, with guidance and checklists
How to do Historical Research	PowerPoint	A presentation on how to approach historical research
How to do Historical Research - Student Guide	PDF	Where to find information sources. How to carry out research, record your findings and correctly cite information sources
RSR Worksheets	PDF	A series of worksheets to help students record their findings

