

PROCLAMATION OF IRISH INDEPENDENCE

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CURRICULUM LINKS

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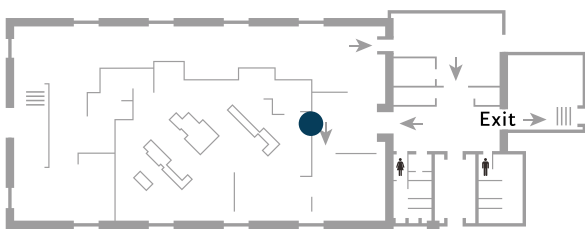
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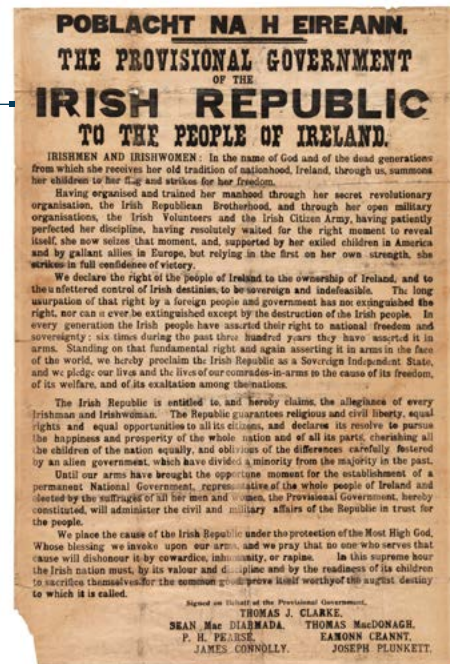
Print

How prints are made



YOU CAN VIEW THIS OBJECT IN THE PROCLAIMING A REPUBLIC EXHIBITION

COLLINS BARRACKS,
BENBURB ST, DUBLIN 7



THINGS TO THINK AND TALK ABOUT

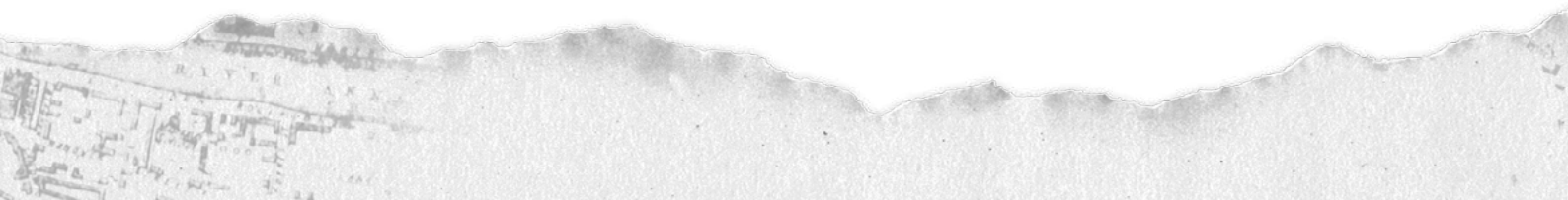
Have you seen the 1916 Proclamation of Irish Independence before (perhaps at school, in another building, at home)?

OBJECT STUDY

Learning from looking

The Proclamation was printed in considerable haste on the evening of the Rising. Can you see the following signs that it was printed in a hurry?

- Small examples of the letter 'e' in the last paragraph because the printers ran out of normal type.
- The upside down 'e' in the last paragraph.
- The 'C' in REPUBLIC which was actually an 'O' with a section cut out.
- The 'E' in "THE" before PEOPLE OF IRELAND is a capital 'F', where the printers used piece of lead to convert it to a capital E



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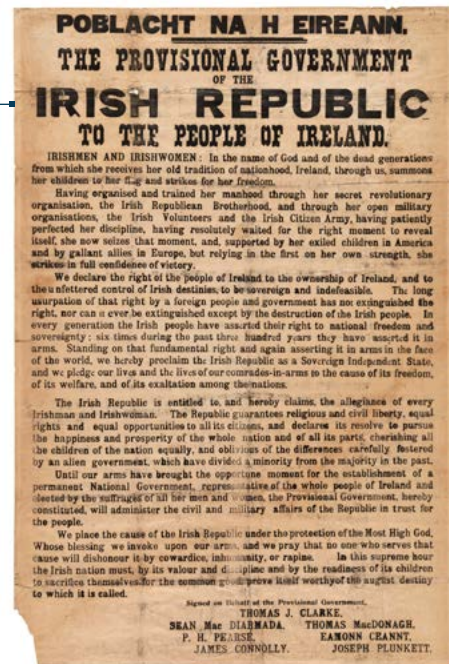
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PRINTING

- How long would it take to set the press and print the Proclamation (in two halves)?
- What else do you need for printing apart from the press and letters?
- What other things are produced as print media? (posters, cards, newspapers...)
- What is the advantage of print media?

MIND SET OF FORMER GENERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

- The Proclamation was written in a time when print was the main media used for distributing information and opinions to the public. What kind of media do we have today? How do you think Patrick Pearse would publish the Proclamation today?
- Imagine you were a member of the Irish Citizen Army, a soldier in the British Army or a worker in an ammunition factory. What might you have thought about the Rising and about the text of the Proclamation?



ART ACTIVITY

Design letters for a proclamation poster. Take the *type* in the Proclaiming a Republic exhibition (image on this website) as inspiration.

**POST YOUR ART WORK
AND PROCLAMATIONS YOU MAY HAVE
COMPOSED IN SCHOOL IN THE "RESPONSES"
SECTION OF THIS WEBSITE!**

RESOURCES

Visit the National Print Museum where you find a Wharfedale Stop Cylinder Press, the machine similar to that that the Proclamation was printed on:

<http://www.nationalprintmuseum.ie/>