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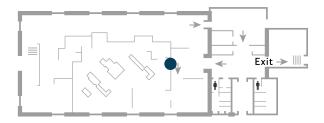
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YOU CAN VIEW THIS OBJECT

IN THE PROCLAIMING A REPUBLIC EXHIBITION

COLLINS BARRACKS, BENBURB ST, DUBLIN 7

POBLACHT NA H EIREANN. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND. HISHMEN AND HISHWOREN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of authomod, Ireland, through us, summons her eliditese to her fing and sirvice for her fing and through her open military organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherbook and through her open military organisation, the Irish Republican fine for the right measure to everal itself, she now solves that moment, and, supported by her exide children in America and by galant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength; she strikes in full cendidence of victory. We declare the right to the propin be freshant to the ownership of Ireland, and to the antifered control of Irish destinant to be sovereign and indefeasable. The long surrounds the Irish people and operation of the situation of the

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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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?

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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/