

The American connection



Concluding Tasks

Bringing It All Together

Now that you have completed the units on the connections between Ulster and America and discovered some of the stories of the men and women who helped to build a new nation, here are a few concluding tasks for you to undertake:

- **The Tourist Business**

Tourism is a very important business in Northern Ireland. Perhaps some of you will go on to work in the hospitality industry in hotels, airports or entertainment venues. Now is your chance to plan a trip to Ulster for a group of Americans. See your homeland through others' eyes.



- **Creating a Display**

As you have worked through The American Connection you have learned a great deal about your own country in the past and about the Scotch Irish. Most people in your school or your neighbourhood are unaware of this. Now is your opportunity to mount a display for your own school or perhaps the local library. You can include posters, photographs, PowerPoint presentations/ slideshows, short video clips or recordings and any else you can think of to make your display attractive and informative.



- **The American Connection Board Game**

Either play the American Connection board game included in the pack or create your own game.



The Tourist Business



Tourism is one of Northern Ireland's main industries. Every year more and more tourists are visiting. Many come from America because they want to trace their roots and see 'the old country'.

Task

In groups plan an itinerary for a group of American tourists visiting Northern Ireland.

This may take the form of:

- A letter to the group explaining what you have planned for them
- A brochure to be sent to America to attract them to make the trip
- A 30 second TV or 1 minute radio commercial

The issues you will need to research and decide are:

1. Where will they stay?
2. How will they travel?
3. What places will they visit?
4. What types of activities would they like to undertake?
5. How much will the tour cost (including or excluding flights from USA)?



creating a Display

- You should work in groups of 4-6.
- Begin by discussing all the work you have completed during 'The American Connection' and see what materials you already have. Then decide what else you will need to put together an interesting display for others who have not taken part in the project.
- Allocate tasks to each individual member of the group - no one person should be doing too much. Everyone should contribute to the presentation.
- You might want to record some voiceovers to go with your written materials or even create a Power-Point presentation to run on a loop while people are looking at your display.
- You could consider making a short video explaining the work you have done and what you have learned.
- Plan out your time carefully. Your teacher will tell you how long you are expected to spend and when your display should be ready. Make sure to make your deadline.
- Allow enough time at the end to check over the display and make sure there are no obvious mistakes (including spellings) or important parts of the project left out.
- When it is finished view it with a critical eye. What could you have done to make it even better? This will help you improve for the next time.



The American Connection Board Game



There is a board game already in the pack of materials for the American Connection in 'Key into Ulster' but why not try creating your own?

STEPS IN THE PROCESS

You could work with a partner or in a group.

- You would need to brainstorm what board games you already know and how they work.
- What equipment would you need?
- What would be the rules of the game?
- What would you have to do to 'win'?

- When you have actually made the game then you could try playing it or better still you could swap with another group and try playing their game to see if it is more fun than yours

