

Nory Ryan's Song Internet Hunt by Cindy O'Hora

Based on the novel by Patricia Reilly Giff - <http://homepage.mac.com/ohora/ext/noryryan.html>

Directions: Bookmark the hunt page. Use the links (blue underlined words) provided to find the answers to the questions. Use the bookmark to return to the hunt. Note: Many links in this project take you to web servers in Ireland. That may mean the pages load a bit slower. Be patient!

1. Nory Ryan loses Anna's coin into St. Patrick's Well. What county in Ireland must you travel to in order to see the well?

What else might you see there?

2. Nory Ryan helps Anna collect a plant called nettles. Why would Anna want to collect nettles?

3. Throughout the story Nory Ryan is worried about the sidhe. According to this resource, what are they? Why should she have not worried about them? Search Encyclopedia Mythica for the answers.

4. Nory Ryan gathers limpets to eat. What are they? Why are they easy to catch?

5. Locate the map of Ireland. Use clues in the story will help you to answer the following questions. In what body of water did the father probably fish?

What islands did Maggie pass on the ship when she embarked on her journey to Brooklyn?

6. Lord Cunningham demands the Mallons' currach to pay the rent. Describe a currach.

7. Nory Ryan makes due for many weeks on the eggs of gannets. How are the birds impacted by the presence of people?

8. Read this report by a student in Ireland. How long has the gannetry been located off the coast of Kerry?

9. Here is a photo of a thatched roof cottage in Clifden, Ireland. Contrast it with your home. What are the differences?

10. This is a tale based on a true event. How many people died during The Great Irish Famine?

11. What is Ms. Giff's formula for writing?

12. How did Giff get the detailed information needed to write her historical novel?

13. What kind of microbe causes potato blight?

How is it spread?

How can farmers control it today?

14. What percentage of the people in Nory's county were living in low class housing at the time of the famine?

15. What impact did the Great Famine have on Ireland?

TAI (Think About It) What impact did the Great Famine in Ireland have on the U.S.?

Go n-eírí an bóthar leat.
May the road rise with you.

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Select a 5 Minute Irish Story - make an illustration for it or for *Nory Ryan's Song*.