



#..... Ireland remained rural and it was difficult for people to find a job, so they left for the USA.

#..... There were more Irish women than men who left left Ireland for the USA.

#..... The US officially entered World War II in 1941 (Pearl Harbour) but provided the Axis powers with arms all along the conflict.

#..... The Great Depression was a severe global economic downturn from 1929 to 1939, that started in the USA. The period was characterized by high rates of unemployment and poverty, drastic reductions in industrial production and international trade, and widespread bank and business failures around the world.

#..... About 2 million Irish people emigrated to the USA because of the Great Famine. As a consequence, the Irish became the most numerous immigrants in NYC.

#..... Many Irish women found their independence by working in shops and restaurants.