

A HISTORY OF IRELAND IN 100 OBJECTS, A SELECTION  
5TH & 6TH CLASS LESSON PLAN

**Empty Cooking Pot** 19th Century



Many big landowners showed little sympathy for the poor during the famine and continued to evict them for non-payment of rent.

But many people tried to help. In 1847 alone, 40 Protestant ministers died of famine fever – typhus, as they tried to help the starving.

The Society of Friends or Quakers worked hard to provide food and relief during the famine.

The Choctaw Native American nation sent money over to Ireland to help the starving during the famine.

The Great Famine was one of the worst famines in world history. Almost one third of the population of Ireland either died or emigrated.