

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

Reclining Buddha, Late-19th Century



Buddhism is a very popular religion in Asia. Countries like Thailand, Vietnam and Japan have large populations of Buddhists.

Of course there are many Irish Buddhists, French Buddhists, Italian Buddhists, American Buddhists, etc.

Marble is a type of rock and comes from a Greek word meaning 'shining stone'.

Marble is used a lot in the making of sculptures.

When people see something made of marble, their first reaction is very often to reach out and touch the smooth, cold surface.

But don't reach out and touch the Reclining Buddha. It's too precious!

There are many, many subdivisions of Buddhism, for example, Zen Buddhism, Tibetan Buddhism etc.