

The Easter Rising of 1916: From a Failed Rebellion to an Independent Ireland

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I chose my topic by thinking of different events that have broken barriers in history. I tried looking for an event that was not very well known, but had a lot of influence on its country. I started looking for different things, and then I saw the Easter Rising. I often like to think and research about how things came to be. Seeing Ireland the way it is today made me wonder about how much they struggled to gain independence. I was fascinated with the desire and tenacity that the Irish had to try and gain independence and was awed at their wish to turn that vision into a reality.

I mainly did my research on websites and started with the days of the Rising first. I prefer websites over books because searching on websites allowed me to find smaller bits of information more efficiently. After I researched the Rising days, I began researching what happened after the Rising, and then the background leading up to the Rising. I collected many different quotes and pictures from books and websites. I watched many documentaries that helped me visualize what happened that week. I researched about how much influence one person can have. I found out that the Rising wasn't just some small conflict, but a series of events that helped create the Ireland that we know today. I also was able to take a tour of the GPO (General Post Office) in Dublin, Ireland in December, 2019. Being there helped me visualize the Rising better than any documentary or book could have ever done.

I decided to do a website because it had the most words in its limit, letting me explain the Easter Rising in more detail and with more illustration. Creating a website also allowed me to work on

it on the go, anywhere with a laptop. It also didn't make me have to deal with printer issues for things like an exhibit! I also was able to learn how to design a website and display my technological knowledge. I chose to work alone because I would have wanted to see what NHD is like by doing it by myself.

The Easter Rising relates to Breaking Barriers in History because it helped make Ireland independent by breaking from Britain's rule. Even though it failed, it inspired future republicans to win independence for Ireland. The barrier of British rule had caused many troubles in Ireland. Many had died in their hands. The long and lasting fight for independence proved Ireland's determination. The Rising proved that even small numbers can stand up to the might of the British army. Even though the leaders were executed, they lit a spark that would burn down the British rule in Ireland. The events leading to and including the Rising helped the Irish people break free of the British Barrier. Without the Easter Rising, Ireland might not have become what it is today.

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This photograph gave me a visual of the Rising. It showed how the troops protected themselves and many other things.

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