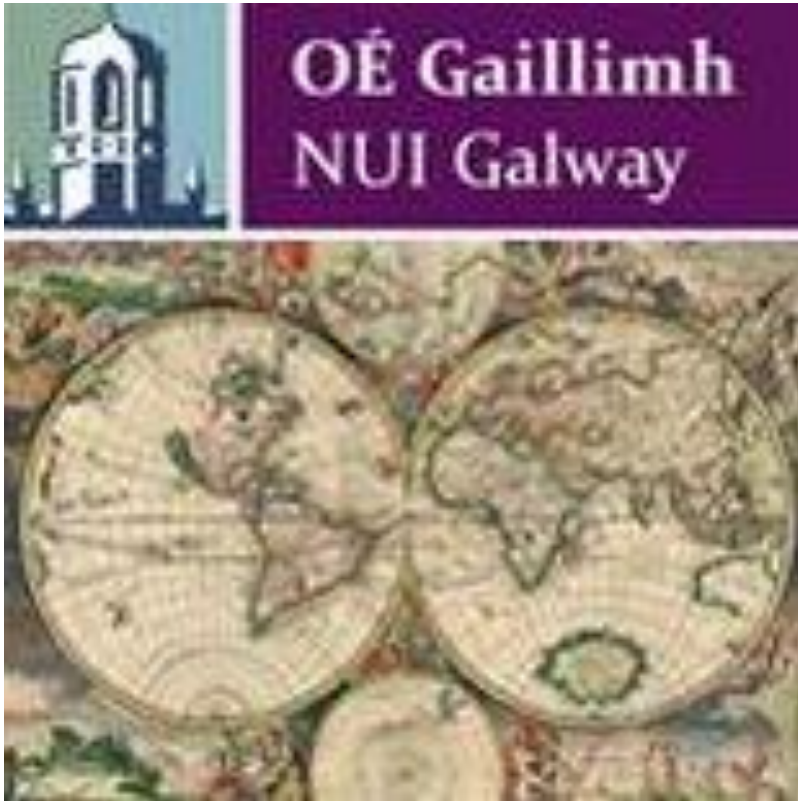




SEVEN REASONS TO STUDY HISTORY

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WHO ARE WE IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT?

- <https://twitter.com/historyatgalway>
- https://www.facebook.com/NUIGalwayHistory/?eid=ARD3z5UDJs2q2aTisT_6lZDZlgTznWh_nvFoV4Giogso8q1OeOa26mOLz2bpx5KOEx3fZLVu1UqmdDO3
- https://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/humanities/disciplines-centres/history/undergraduate-courses/history_firststarts/

1. TO UNDERSTAND SOCIETY TODAY WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE PAST

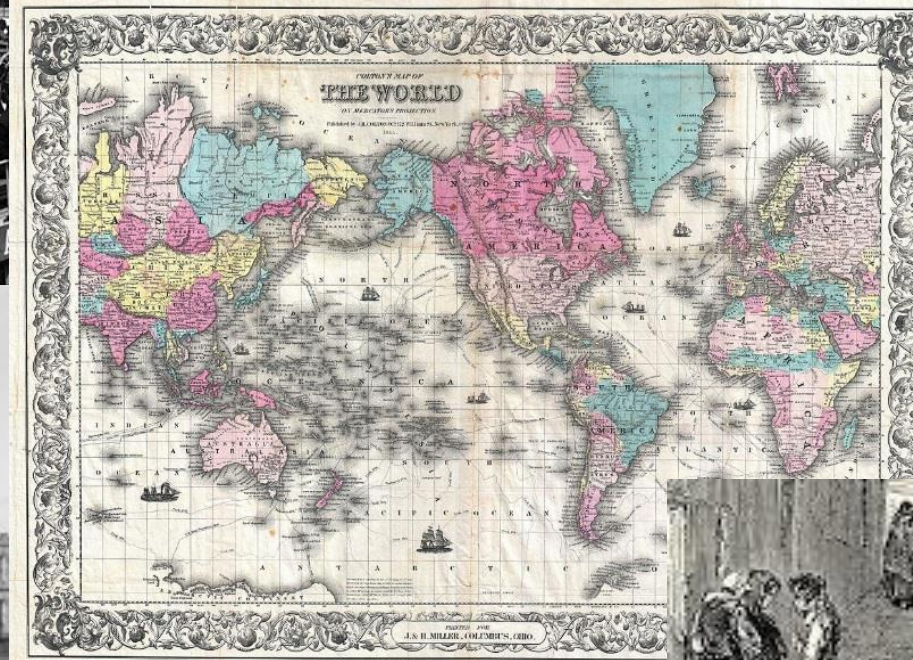
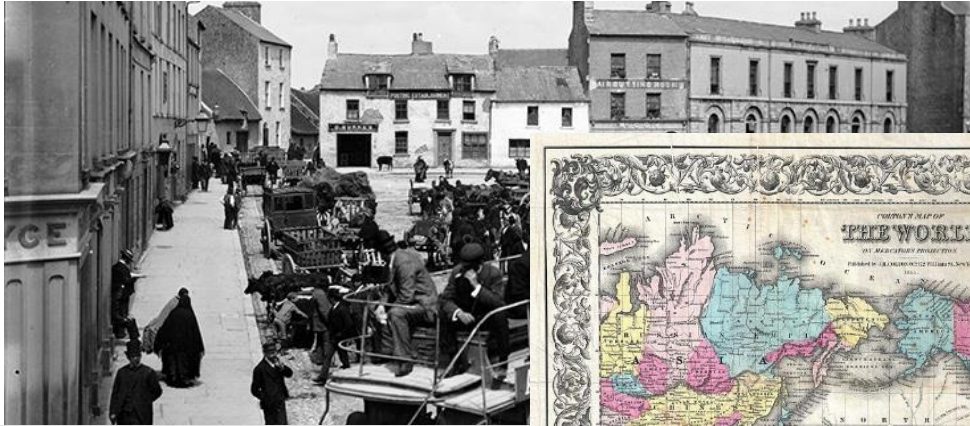


2. IT'S RELEVANT TO YOU...IT'S ABOUT HUMANS AND SOCIETY

- It is about the environment we all live in and have lived in.
- It isn't passive – its about moments of resistance as well as times of change.
- It shows the evolution of societies – not a story of progress always, but different societies emerging and being influenced by different factors.
- It is relevant to every aspect of our lives today.



3. ITS LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL



4. IT COMPLEMENTS OTHER SUBJECTS

- In many subjects you will take a 'History of...' module.
- The research skills complement many subjects in the Arts.
- Writing skills, critical reasoning, presentation skills
- Very applicable to Law, Sociology and Politics, Classics, Archaeology, Languages, English, the Creative Arts, Philosophy...

WHY HISTORY

5. IT GIVES US AN
UNDERSTANDING OF
CULTURAL/SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC &
POLITICAL CHANGE

- Consider the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in Ireland and globally – what are the major changes that occurred for the following groups:
 - Women
 - Children
 - Minorities
 - LGBTQI+ community
 - Rural communities
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- What about pandemics? The Spanish Flu?



Huge range of time periods



Variety of approaches – political history, social history, Marxist history, gender history, history of emotions, history of sexualities, history of architecture, sports history, labour history...



Debates and disagreements – no right answer

6. ITS WIDE-RANGING IN TOPICS AND IN APPROACHES





You learn how to be detail orientated



You learn how to manage information and particularly different types of information



You learn how to develop your own ideas, your own voice



You learn how to write well and write persuasively and how to present in a similar way



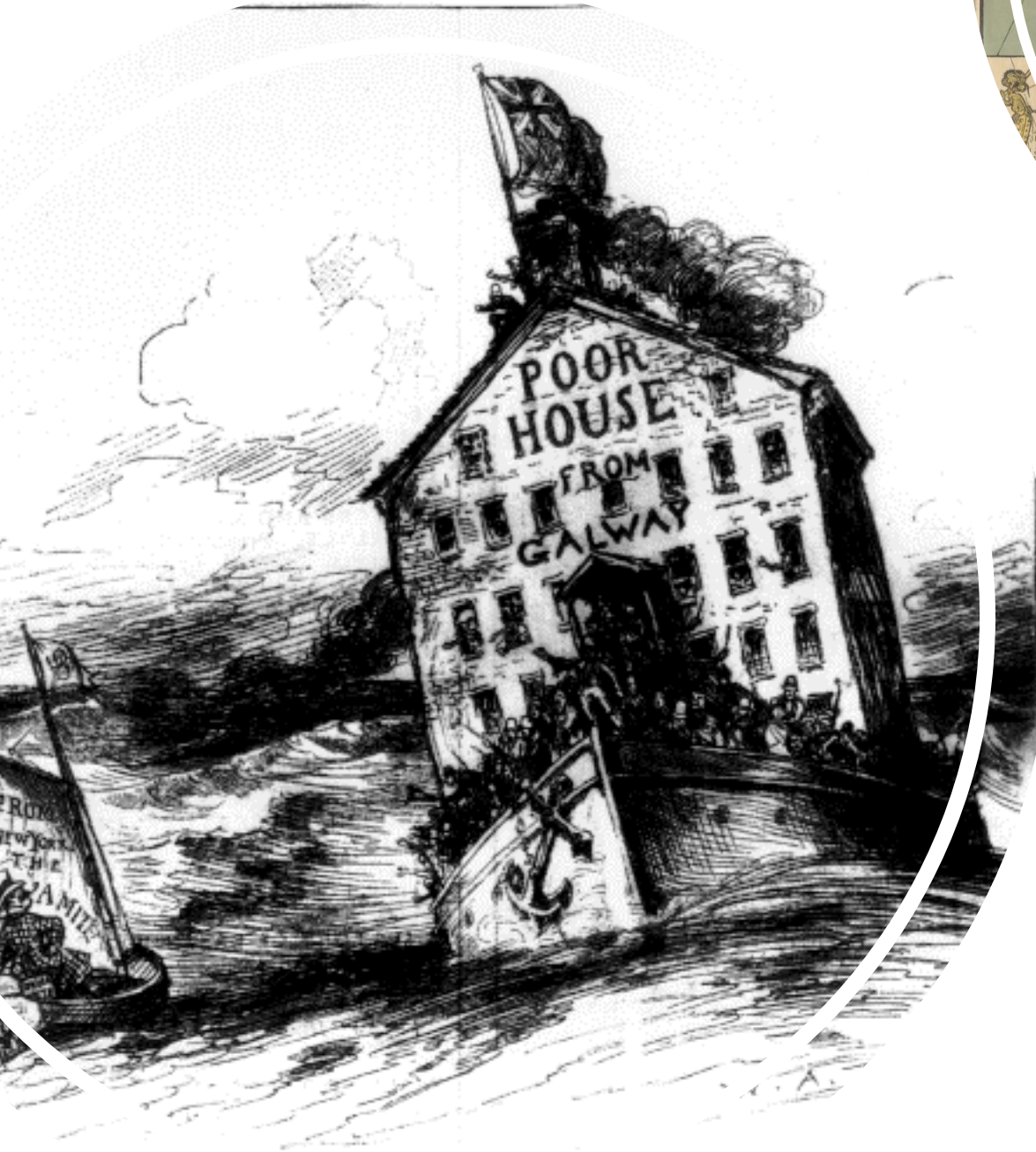
You learn to weigh up different viewpoints and argue persuasively



You learn to debate and discuss with fellow students and your tutors/lecturers

7. TRANSFERABLE SKILLS & A RESPECTED DEGREE



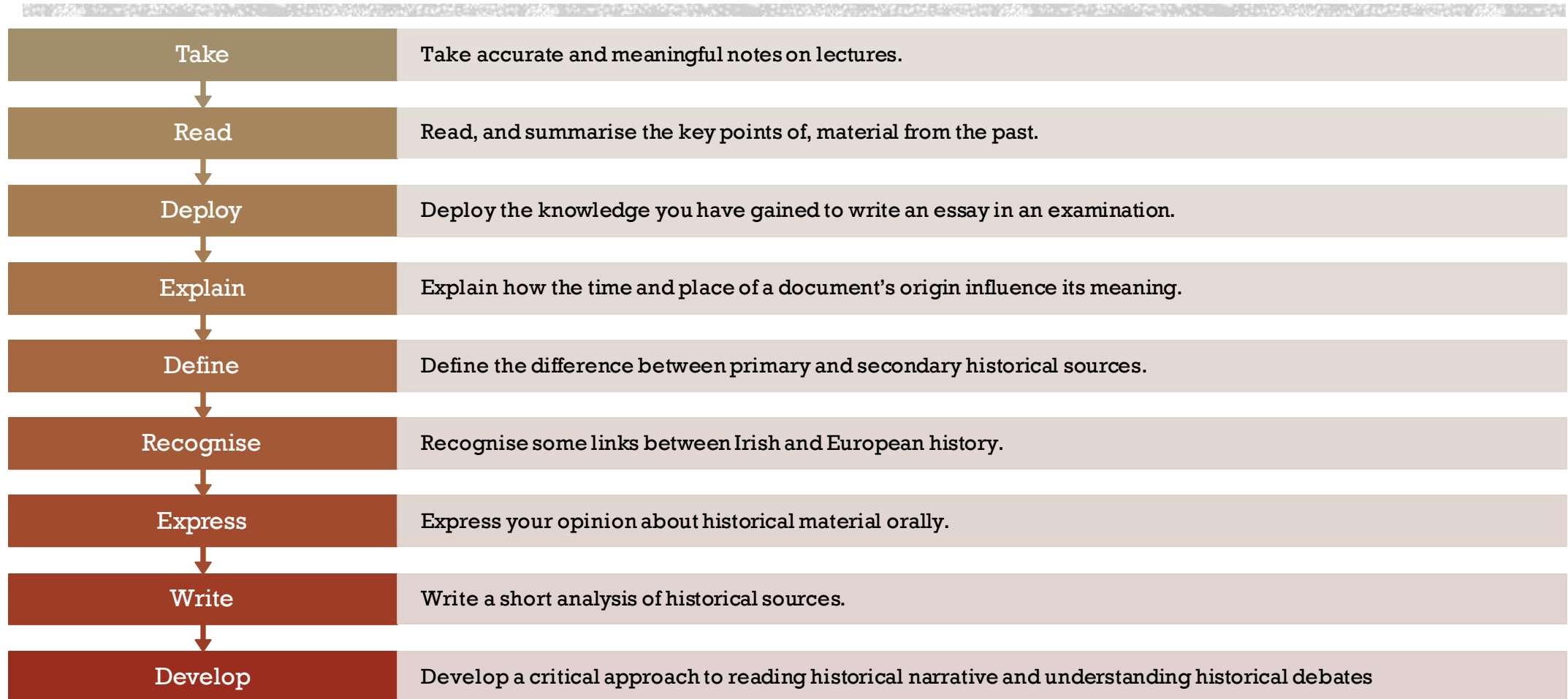


WHAT WILL WE STUDY IN FIRST YEAR HISTORY???

- **The First Year Handbook**
- **The First Year Timetable**
- **XXX – Links to be added**



AIMS AND OUTCOMES OF FIRST YEAR HISTORY



Semester 1	Semester 2
HI1103 Europe & Ireland 1789-1918 (Lecture Module, 3 online lectures per week) Section A (Ireland) runs from weeks 1-6 Section B (Europe) runs from weeks 6-12	HI1104 Europe: From Medieval to Modern (Lecture Module, 3 online lectures per week) Section A (Medieval) runs from week 1-6 Section B (Early Modern) runs from weeks 6-12
HISK1101 Skills for Historians 1 (Tutorial Module, 2x1hr per week. 1 hr face-to-face, 1 hr online) Sign-up for tutorials 28 Sept 2020 via Blackboard (HISK1101/HI1100)	HISK1102 Skills for Historians 2 (Tutorial Module, 2x1hr per week. 1 hr face-to-face, 1 hr online) Same tutorial group as Semester 1.

MODULE BREAKDOWN FOR 1ST YEAR



BA CONNECT STUDENTS AND BA HISTORY AND GLOBALISATION

- BA Connect Students take 15 credits for the year broken as follows: HI1103, HI1104 and tutorial group HI1101.
- Connect students **engage with the 3x1hr online lectures per week and 1 hour of tutorials** (Tutorial A, the first hour each week for the tutorial group which will be held face-to-face).
- Connect students do not attend TUTORIAL B, only TUTORIAL A.
- Connect students must complete all essays in the year, and both exams but not the other assignments for HISK1101/HISK1102.



SOME CELEBRITY HISTORY GRADUATES

- Louis Theroux
- Jonathan Ross
- Sacha Barron Cohen
- Steve Carell
- Shakira
- Salman Rushdie
- Martha Stewart
- Conan O'Brien
- Amanda Peet
- Lauryn Hill
- Diane Abbott
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Woodrow Wilson
- John F. Kennedy
- Richard Nixon
- George W. Bush
- Dwight Eisenhower
- Winston Churchill
- Joe Biden

