

TeachingEnglish

Student worksheet

The Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement Video Upper Secondary B2





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Task 1

You are going to watch a video about the history of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement.

The title of the video is 'From Conflict to Peace – The Belfast (Good Friday) Peace Agreement'. Write 6 questions you'd like to know the answers to.

- The start of the conflict
- The violence of the Troubles
- The UK & Irish governments
- Nationalists & Unionists
- The Peace Process
- The USA/Bill Clinton
- The signing of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement
- The referendum

Task 2

Watch the video and put the language in the correct place.

- 1. An election would be held to choose a new Assembly to represent both Nationalist and Unionist communities to share the______.
- 2. Northern Ireland was to remain part of the UK unless______ voted for it to become part of Ireland.
- 3. New institutions were created ______ between Ireland and Northern Ireland & between the governments of the UK and Ireland.
- 4. It stated protections of _______ of Northern Ireland. These were difficult issues like how the police force was organised, the release of prisoners who committed violent acts in the Troubles and the giving up of weapons.
- ...a majority of people
- ...to support cooperation
- ...governing of Northern Ireland
- ...the rights of the people



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Why was the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement important for...

- the Unionists?
- the Nationalists?
- the UK government?
- the Irish government?
- the people of Northern Ireland?

Useful language

Certain	Not so certain
I'm pretty sure that	I'm not really sure, but I think
Well, it's clear that	It's not easy to say, however I feel that
It has to be (that)	l guess it's because
Obviously,	

Task 4

The greatest achievement of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement

What information is missing below?

"This was a long and difficult journey and wasn't completed overnight. In the years which followed, political parties accepted______ on important issues such as education, health and the economy with the Agreement setting out a vision for a more ______, _____ and ______ society. There remain disagreements but both sides recognise the need to ensure there is no return to violence. It is this ______ and the determination ______ that is the greatest achievement of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement."



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Task 5

Discussion

- 1. What does an integrated society mean to you? What challenges are there when trying to create an integrated society?
- 2. Share some examples of historical conflicts that have needed reconciliation to move towards a just society.
- 3. How can non-violent ways be effective in promoting social change and justice? What are some examples of non-violent movements that have had a significant impact on social justice?

4. What actions can individuals and communities take to promote peace and progress when there are conflicts of opinion/identity?

