**Destination: Ireland**  

**Pre-Watching Questions:**

1. What do you know about Ireland and Irish culture?

2. Have you ever been there? If yes, did you like it? If no, would you like to go there? Justify your answer.

**While-Watching Question:**

1. Watch the video and fill in the gaps with the missing words:

a. The capital of the Republic of Ireland is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Trinity College is Ireland’s oldest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Tombs like the one in Newgrange were built for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dead.

d. Monasteries were learning centres during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

e. The Cliffs of Moher offer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ views of the coast.

f. Ireland has got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shades of green.

**After-Watching Questions:**

1. Which do you think were the Dark Ages of Ireland and why? If you cannot guess, make a research online about this historical period and answer the question.

2. Listen and read Dublin’s folk song “Molly Malone”. Who does it refer to and why do you think it became so popular among Irish people? 

In Dublin's fair city,

Where the girls are so pretty,

I first set my eyes on sweet Molly Malone,

As she wheeled her wheel-barrow,

Through streets broad and narrow,

Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"

*"Alive, alive, oh,*

*Alive, alive, oh",*

*Crying "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh".*

She was a fishmonger,

But sure 'twas no wonder,

For so were her father and mother before,

And they each wheeled their barrows,

Through streets broad and narrow,

Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"

*(chorus)*

She died of a fever,

And no one could save her,

And that was the end of sweet Molly Malone.

Now her ghost wheels her barrow,

Through streets broad and narrow,

Crying, "Cockles and mussels, alive, alive, oh!"

*(chorus)*

3. Homework assignment: Think of a country you have visited and liked and make a presentation of it in writing, accompanying it with pictures and any interesting cultural references.

