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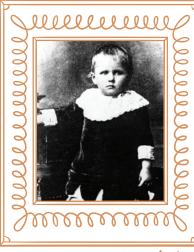
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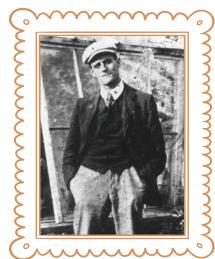




## WHO WAS JAMES JOYCE?



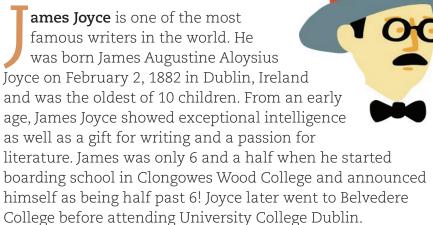
James as a small child



James as a student

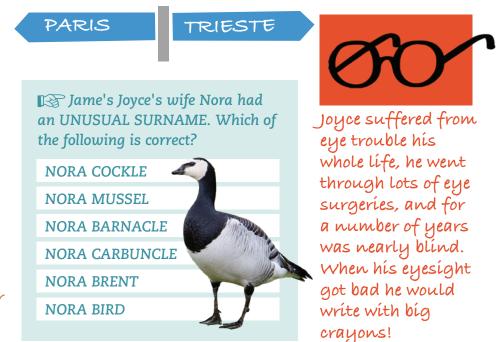


Joyc's wife Nora with their two children, Giorgio and Lucia



James really wanted to be a writer. In the summer of 1904, he met and fell in love with Nora Barnacle, from Galway. They went out together for the first time on Thursday 16 June 1904, the date commemorated in Joyce's famous book Ulysses. On 8th October 1904, the young couple left Ireland to start their European adventure together. They lived for many years in Trieste, Italy where they had two children, Georgio and Lucia.

Throughout the 1920s & 1930s, James and Nora lived in Paris. His books *Dubliners, Ulysses* and *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* were now becoming famous all over the world. In 1939, he published his last book *Finnegans Wake*. In 1940, they left France for Switzerland to flee from World War II. James became ill soon after they arrived and he died on 13 January, 1941. He is buried in Fluntern cemetery in Zurich.





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## WHAT IS BLOOMSDAY?

**ULYSSES** has

become one

of the most

written. It

follows the

movements

famous novels ever



JAMES JOYCE

of Leopold Bloom through a single day in Dublin on June 16th, 1904. It was published on Joyce's 40th birthday, February 2nd 1922. Ulysses is based on the Greek myth, The Odyssey by Homer.



On Bloomsday, people like to dress in special clothes from 1904 to look like the characters in the book, to go to all the places that are mentioned around Dublin and to eat food that is featured in its pages like mutton kidneys and gorgonzola cheese, yum!



**loomsday** celebrates the 16th June 1904, the day that James Joyce writes about in his book Ulysses.

- Bloomsday is named after the main character in Ulysses, Leopold Bloom and his wanderings around Dublin.
- The first Bloomsday was celebrated in 1954 by Irish writers Patrick Kavanagh, Flann O'Brien and Anthony Cronin.
- Bloomsday marks the day James Joyce and Nora Barnacle went out together for the first time.
- The main characters in the novel are Leopold and Molly Bloom who live at 7 Eccles Street, Dublin. Leopold sells advertising for newspapers and Molly is an opera singer. Stephen Dedalus is a teacher in a school in Dalkey and is staying with his friend Buck Mulligan in the Martello Tower in Sandycove.



 $\square$  COLOUR IN these fancy clothes from the Edwardian era of 1904



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## MAPPING THROUGH ULYSSES

eopold Bloom wanders around his dear dirty Dublin on June 16th, 1904.

Can you help him get to all these different LOCATIONS?

1 | Start at 7 ECCLES STREET and make breakfast for Molly

2 | Buy 4 and 20 ripe plums at the foot of NELSON'S PILLAR.

3 | Go to SWENY'S CHEMIST and buy some lemon soap

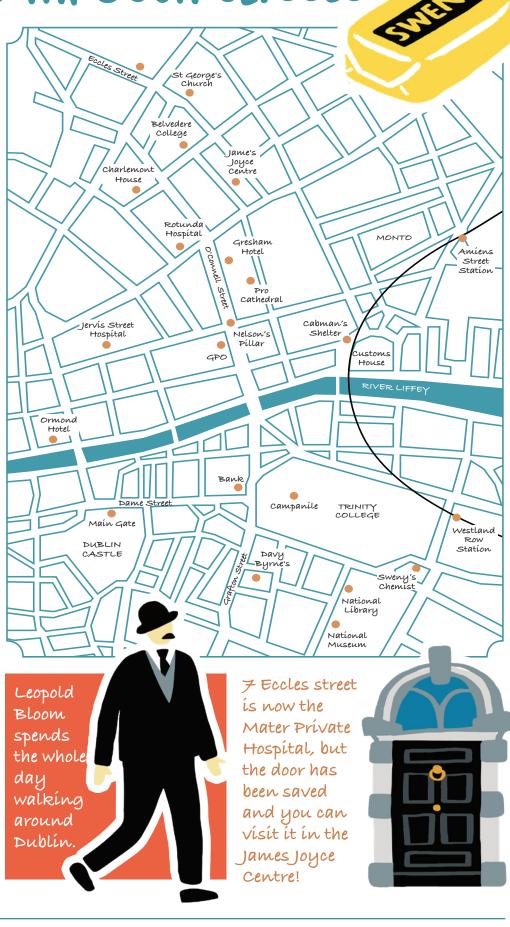
4 | Read a book at the NATIONAL LIBRARY

5 | You are feeling hungry go to DAVY BYRNE'S for lunch

6 | Join in a singsong at the ORMOND HOTEL

7 | Have a coffee and a bun at the CAB MAN'S SHELTER

8 | Feeling tired, pass BELVEDERE COLLEGE on your way back home.





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# JUST LIKE OLD TIMES



DUBLINERS is Joyce's first major work. It is recognised today as one of the greatest short story collections in the English

language, but it took James Joyce 10 years to get it published!

### **DUNSINK TIME!**

Dunsink time is mentioned five times in James Joyce's novel, Ulysses. The 1880 Definition of Time Act set the official time in Ireland to be 'Dublin Mean Time' or Dunsink Time. This meant the time at Dunsink Observatory in Dublin was Grenwich Mean Time (GMT) plus 25 minutes and 21 seconds. In 1916 another Act moved this back to what we have now!

If we still had Dunsink Time, WHAT TIME would it be in in Dublin if it was 10 hours 8 minutes and 15 seconds in London ??



**n 1904**, they had different money from today. They had a system of pounds (£.) shilling (s.) and pence (d.). It was quite complicated as there were 12 pence in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound. So that made:

#### $12 \ge 20 = 240$ pence in a pound.

At the end of *Ulysses*, Leopold Bloom makes up a list of all the money he spent during the day. He buys a lot of food!

#### BLOOM'S BUDGET FOR 16 JUNE 1904

- 1 Pork kídney
- 2 Banbury cakes
- I Lunch
- 1 Dínner
- 1 Píg's Foot
- 1 Sheep's Trotter
- 1 Cake Fry's Plain Chocolate
- 1 Square Soda Bread
- 1 Coffee and Bun

Can you ADD UP all the money he spent on food in pounds shillings and pence? What were the CHEAPEST things he bought?

The Martello Tower in Sandmount is where the story of ulysses begins.



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## FOOD WAY BACK THEN



A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

Α PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG MAN is inspired

by Joyce's own life, written through an alter ego called Stephen Dedalus. The book sees Stephen develop from a child who is fascinated by language into an independent young writer.

**ublin** city centre on O'Connell Bridge, Leopold Bloom feeds the hungry seagulls Banbury cakes.

"He halted again and bought from the old applewoman two Banbury cakes for a penny and broke the brittle paste and threw its fragments down into the Liffey. See that? The gulls swooped silently, two, then all from their heights, pouncing on prey. Gone. Every morsel. Aware of their greed and cunning he shook the powdery crumb from his hands. They never expected that." ULYSSES



O'Connell Bridge in 1904

### **LET'S MAKE BANBURY CAKES!**



50g butter (at room temperature) 1 tablespoon runny honey 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 50g currants 50g mixed peel plain flour, for dusting 300g puff pastry 1 large free-range egg, beaten 3 tablespoons granulated sugar

#### Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas 4. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
- 2. Cream the butter and honey together, then stir in the spices. Add the currants and peel and stir well.
- 3. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the pastry to about 2.5mm thick.

Using a 10cm pastry cutter or small saucer, cut out 10 circles.

- 4. Spoon the filling into the centre of each disc, leaving a little space around the edges. Brush either side of the filling with a little egg. Bring the sides of the pastry up into the middle and crimp slightly to make little purses.
- 5. Turn the cakes over so the smooth side is on the top.
- 6. Place the cakes on the tray and make 3 little cuts on each. Brush with the beaten egg and sprinkle with granulated sugar.
- 7. Cook for 25 to 30 minutes until golden and firm. Transfer to a wire rack to cool slightly before serving warm.



Díd you know that Banbury cakes are also known as Eccles cakes?



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## RHYMES AND REASONS

### **ANAGRAMS!**

Leopold Boom made up anagrams of his name when he was young...

Can you spot Joyce's DELIBERATE MISTAKE in one of these anagrams?

#### LEOPOLD BLOOM

ELLPODBOMOOL

MOLLDOPELOOB

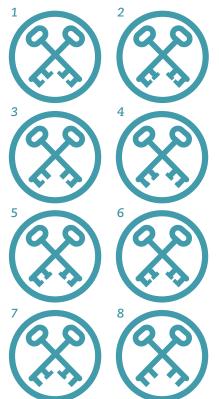
BOLLOPEDOOM

OLD OLLEBO, M.P.

Can you MAKE UP AN ANAGRAM of your own name?

### HOUSE OF KEYS!

Which two sets of keys are THE SAME?



### JOGGERFRY!

Before he goes to sleep Leopold Bloom thinks about the 'attractive character of certain localities in Ireland as represented in general geographical maps'.

#### Can you MATCH the locations on the map of Ireland above?

- A | The Cliffs of Moher (right)
- B | Lough Neagh
- C | The Giant's Causeway
- D | The windy wilds of Connemara
- E | The Golden Vale of Tipperary
- F | The pastures of Royal Meath
- G | The islands of Aran
- H | The Salmon Leap
- I | The lakes of Killarney
- J | The Queen's Island shipyard in Belfast

Molly Bloom sometimes called Leopold by a sweet nickname, **POLDY.** On Valentine's day 1888, Leopold Bloom sent Molly an acrostic love poem that spelled out this pet name.

Poets oft have sung in rhyme Of music sweet their praise divine. Let them hymn it nine times nine. Dearer far than song or wine. You are mine. The world is mine.

Can you WRITE an acrostic poem that spells out your name? (Acrostic means the first letter of every line spells something out!).



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## FINNEGANS WAKE BREAK



FINNEGANS WAKE was Jomes Joyce's final book and took him seventeen years to write. It is widely renowned as one of the most complex works of fiction in the English language.

### SOUNDS AND LANGUAGES!

James Joyce loved to play with words, their sounds and spellings.

Try to find all the different ways he spelled the word 'Dublin' in his book Finnegans Wake from the following:

DUBBELIN DYOUBLONG DUBBLENN DUBLIRE DJUBLAIN DOUBBLLIN DOBLONG DUBBLANN DUBBLANN DUBBLANN DUBBLANN **n his book Finnegans Wake,** Joyce created a 100-LETTER WORD to describe his fear of thunder.

#### Bababadalgharaghtakamminarronnko nnbronntonnerronntuonnthunntrovarrhou nawnskawntoohoohoordenenthurnuk

It is actually made up of lots of different words for "thunder" including French (tonnerre), Italian (tuono), Greek (bronte), and Japanese (kaminari).

Can you make up your own 100 LETTER WORD to describe something you really love or something you are afraid of?

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