



The Defenders

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A secret society formed to protect catholic farmers

The Orange Order

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An order set up to defend Protestants and British rule in Ireland

Yeomanry

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An army set up by the British government

Half-hanging

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People were hung until they lost consciousness





Pitch-cap

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A method of torture, a cloth cap filled with tar was placed on a suspect's head and then set alight

Loyalist

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A supporter of the British government

Republicanism

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The use of violence to end British rule in Ireland

Act of Union

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Law passed by Prime Minister William Pitt which closed the Irish Parliament





Catholic
Emancipation

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Removal of the
remaining Penal
Laws

Pike

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A spear-like weapon
commonly used by
the rebels

The Factory
Acts

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Population explosion Raw
materials from the colonies
New farming methods Coal
and iron ore Inventions

Turnpike
Trusts

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Laws introduced during
the Industrial Revolution
to regulate employment
conditions in industry





Nationalists

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Wanted to be independent from Britain

Unionists

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Wanted to remain part of Britain

Protestant Ascendancy

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Church of Ireland members, a minority in Ireland

Penal laws

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Discriminatory laws used by the Protestant Ascendancy against Catholics





Liberty, equality
and fraternity

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Catholics were
inspired by the
motto of the French
Revolution

The Society of
United Irishmen

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Belfast group who
wanted to limit
English influence in
Belfast

Wolf Tone

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Founding member of
the United Irishmen
and prominent
revolutionary

General
Hoche

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French general who
attempted to aid the
Wolf's revolution





Peep-o'-Day
Boys

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This was a
Protestant
group

Lord Edward
Fitzgerald

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Revolutionary leader
who was arrested,
dying of wounds
later

Massacre at
Scullabogue

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Protestants were
massacred in
Wexford

Act of Union
1800

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This Act moved the
Dublin parliament to
Westminster

