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## CASE STUDY 4: THE END OF BRITISH RULE IN IRELAND

The campaign for independence for Ireland was long and complicated. A strong democratic campaign for independence competed with a strong violent campaign. There was also a large minority of Irish people who wanted to remain part of the British empire. The result was that Ireland was divided in 1922. Northern Ireland remained part of the United Kingdom, but the Irish Free State became a self-ruling Dominion. As you study the sources, look for reasons why British rule ended in Ireland (but not Northern Ireland). The sources may provide evidence that one or more of these factors were important:

1. The British left Ireland as soon as the people there wanted them to.
2. The British left because of the actions of important individuals.
3. The British were forced out by peaceful political protests.
4. The British were forced out by armed resistance.
5. The British wanted to leave because the area was causing them problems.

As you study each source, decide whether it supports any of these factors. When you have looked at all of the sources and the Background, try to decide on the relative importance of these factors.

[Background](#) | [Worksheet](#)

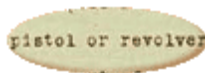
Use the [Worksheet](#) to record your ideas.

The [Background](#) will give you an introduction to the end of British rule in Ireland.

### Sources



[1. Cartoon on Home Rule for Ireland, 1906](#)



[2. Police report on the situation in Ulster, 1913](#)



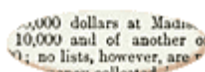
[3. Film of Irish troops in WW1](#)



[4. Film of Dublin after the Easter Rising, 1916](#)



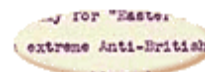
[5. Letter on treatment of Irish prisoners, 1916](#)



[6. Letter on opinions in the USA, 1916](#)



[7. Leaflet published by Sinn Fein, 1917](#)



[8. Letter on opinions in Ireland, 1919](#)



[9. Film on the war in Ireland, 1920](#)



[10. Act that created the Irish Free State, 1922](#)

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