

**“Ireland: A Culture Reflected In Its Music” by Fergal Kavanagh**  
**Worksheet by Prof. Auxiliadora Pérez Vides**

**1. General summary question:**  
**What is the text about?**

**2. Give a synonym or definition for the following words from the text:**

to feature:

\_\_\_\_\_

to flee:

\_\_\_\_\_

to fade:

\_\_\_\_\_

homegrown:

\_\_\_\_\_

tenant:

\_\_\_\_\_

chant:

\_\_\_\_\_

famine:

\_\_\_\_\_

homesickness:

\_\_\_\_\_

intertwined:

\_\_\_\_\_

debauched:

\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Write a key word/short phrase to summarise each paragraph.**

Paragraph

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

4: \_\_\_\_\_

5: \_\_\_\_\_

6: \_\_\_\_\_

7: \_\_\_\_\_

8: \_\_\_\_\_

9: \_\_\_\_\_

10: \_\_\_\_\_

11: \_\_\_\_\_

12: \_\_\_\_\_

13: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Write the number of the paragraph where the answers to the following questions can be found.**

1. Why is the harp Ireland's national symbol? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What was the harpists' function in medieval Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the role of the band Horslips in the revival of Irish music? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How is Irish traditional music reflected in present-day Ireland? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What effect did the Famine have in Irish traditional music? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Despite being a rock band, how are Bono and U2 contributing to Irish traditional music? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How did music help emigrants in their new countries? \_\_\_\_\_

8. How has Irish music influenced other kinds of music? \_\_\_\_\_

9. According to the text, which factor will contribute to the possible development of Irish music in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What were the key factors for the success of Horslips' music? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Why have the lyrics of many traditional Irish songs disappeared? \_\_\_\_\_

12. How did the British invasion affect Irish music? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What did the emigrants do with the songs when they settled in America? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Why is it difficult to know exactly what Irish music was like during medieval times? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Is your country's culture reflected in its music? Write a short article.**

**“Ireland: A Culture Reflected In Its Music” by Fergal Kavanagh**  
**Worksheet by Prof. Auxiliadora Pérez Vides**

**KEY**

- 1. General summary question:**  
**What is the text about?**

- 2. Give a synonym or definition for the following words from the text:**

to feature:

to appear

to flee:

to escape

to fade:

to slowly disappear

homegrown:

born and educated in that country

tenant:

a person who pays rent for a room,  
land, building, etc.

chant:

rhythmic song

famine:

lack of food over a long period

homesickness:

sadness of being far from home

intertwined:

twisted together, very difficult to separate

debauched:

immoral in sexual behaviour

- 3. Write a key word/short phrase to summarise each paragraph.**

Paragraph

1: Music And Culture

2: The Harp

3: Oral Tradition

4: Invaders, Music and Irish Identity

5: Present Day Bands: Continuing the  
Tradition

6: Themes

7: British Occupation

8: Famine, Emigration and Music

9: Irish-African Connection

10: The Survival of Irish Music Abroad

11: Music Innovation And Censorship

12: Horslips: Music Revival

13: Music Sessions

- 4. Write the number of the paragraph where the answers to the following questions can be found.**

15. Why is the harp Ireland's national symbol? 2

16. What was the harpists' function in medieval Ireland? 3

17. What is the role of the band Horslips in the revival of Irish music? 4, 12

18. How is Irish traditional music reflected in present-day Ireland? 5

19. What effect did the Famine have in Irish traditional music? 8

20. Despite being a rock band, how are Bono and U2 contributing to Irish traditional music? 5

21. How did music help emigrants in their new countries? 10

22. How has Irish music influenced other kinds of music? 9, 10

23. According to the text, which factor will contribute to the possible development of Irish music in the near future? 13

24. What were the key factors for the success of Horslips' music? 4

25. Why have the lyrics of many traditional Irish songs disappeared? 6

26. How did the British invasion affect Irish music? 7

27. What did the emigrants do with the songs when they settled in America? 8

28. Why is it difficult to know exactly what Irish music was like during medieval times? 6

- 5. Is your country's culture reflected in its music? Write a short article.**