LIST OF DIGITAL SOURCES



Below is a list of digital sources that may prove useful in your research about the 1916 Rising:

Google Books

https://books.google.com/

If you type the topic of your research into the Google search bar, and you will find a list of books associated with that topic. Click on 'search tools' and then 'any books' and select 'preview available'. The list of books will change to feature only those, which you may partially read. Even though access to the entire book is restricted, Google Books is a valuable research tool.

Google's Dublin Rising:

https://dublinrising.withgoogle.com/welcome/

Visitors to this site are given a tour of all the important locations associated with the Rising. Narrated by Colin Farrell, the tour features information, photographs and video. It is a wonderful introduction to the events of 1916.

Bureau of Military History Witness Statements

http://www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/bmhsearch/search.jsp

This valuable resource allows members of the public to search 1,773 first-hand accounts of the 1913-1921 period. A search bar allows you to type in a key word, a name or a location. You will be directed to a list of statements featuring your search terms. You may access the typed statements and search within the documents for key words or locations. You should be careful to cross reference any facts with other sources, as problems of memory or bias might mean that the witness statements are not always reliable.

Bureau of Military History Pension Files

http://mspcsearch.militaryarchives.ie/search.aspx

On this page you can search the pension applications of Easter Week veterans. Many provide accounts of their service and the places they fought.

Bureau of Military History Digital Resources

http://www.militaryarchives.ie/digital-resources

This page offers additional material in the online exhibitions, particularly the Easter 1916 An tÓglách Accounts.

RTE

http://1916.rte.ie/

This site features interactive maps, images and interviews with veteran survivors of the 1916 Rising.

Century Ireland

http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/

This website is an online historical newspaper telling the story of the events of Irish life a century ago. Published on a fortnightly basis, it reports news on life in Ireland exactly one hundred years before. The site includes images, articles and video interviews with experts on the period.

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British Pathé

http://www.britishpathe.com/workspaces/BritishPathe/ireland-easter-rising

This site provides primary source video footage of the streets of Dublin in the immediate aftermath of the Rising.

The Census

http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/

This important archive allows you to search for people in the 1901 or 1911 census returns. It will help you to uncover fascinating information about the people living in the first decade of the 20th century.

Irish Newspaper Archive

https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/

Your school may have access to this site, which is a repository of many different local and national newspapers. By using the search facility you can read original newspapers from 1916.

Dictionary of Irish Biography

http://dib.cambridge.org/

Your school may have access to this site, which allows you to search for biographical details on 9,000 Irish people.

Letters of 1916

http://letters1916.maynoothuniversity.ie/

This ground-breaking digital humanities project digitised thousands of personal and formal letters written between November 1915 and November 1916. You can search to collection to see the original letters and read the contents.

National Library of Ireland:

http://www.nli.ie/1916/

Here you will find an excellent collection of digital material relating to the 1916 Rising, particularly to the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation.

The Sinn Fein Rebellion Handbook

https://archive.org/details/sinnfeinrebellio00dubl

Published in 1917 by the Irish Times, this digitised source is based on a collection of articles that ran in the newspaper in May 1916. It offers detailed observation of the Easter Rising, an official list of casualties, names of prisoners, photographs, maps and key locations in Dublin. You may search within the books for people or places. Once again, however, you should cross reference any information you find with other sources.

The Central Statistics Office

http://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/lifein1916irelandstoriesfromstatistics/

The CSO provides a range of current and historical statistics, which might be represented as a map. The home page provides a link to a section entitled, 'Life in 1916 Ireland'. This offers, for example, figures for population by county in 1911, infant mortality rate, marriages and deaths by cause in 1916.