



# Dáil Day One

## Lesson plan

### Resources

Video: Dáil Day One [www.oireachtas.ie/en/visit-and-learn/teachers-and-students](http://www.oireachtas.ie/en/visit-and-learn/teachers-and-students)  
Members of the First Dáil [www.dail100.ie/en/people](http://www.dail100.ie/en/people)

### Introduction

Use this lesson plan with the animated film *Dáil Day One*, available on [www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie).

### Video and worksheet

Give each student a copy of the [worksheet](#).

Show *Dáil Day One* and ask students to complete the worksheet.

### Blue sky thinking

Ask the class to work in pairs, with one student in favour of the new Dáil and one against it.

Ask them to imagine they are standing on Dawson Street on the afternoon of 21 January and think about the conversation they might have with the people around them.

They should write down the arguments in favour of and against the new Dáil and display them with the other pairs around the room.

### Research

Ask students to carry out some more research on:

- one of the people mentioned in the film

or

- the first TD from your school's area to be elected to the First Dáil.

# Worksheet: Dáil Day One

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1	When and where did the first Dáil meet?	
2	Is the book that Máire Comerford wrote about that day an example of a primary or secondary source? Explain your answer and give two other examples of sources that are mentioned or used in the film.	
3	What role did Countess Markievicz play in the 1916 Rising?	Write down three other pieces of information about her that you learned from the film.  1.  2.  3.
4	In what Dublin building were the leaders of the 1916 Rising based?	
5	What position did Herbert Asquith have at this time?	
6	Who was nominated the first Ceann Comhairle (leader) of the Dáil?	
7	What group was set up in 1913 to defend Irish values and beliefs?	
8	Explain what Conscription is.  What was the reaction in Ireland when this was introduced?	

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9	Before 1918, could all men and women vote in general elections?	
10	Why was the Representation of the People Act so important?	
11	Who were the Unionists and what was their attitude towards the new Dáil?	
12	Name three statements or documents that the first Dáil issued.	1.  2.  3.
13	Who were the IRB and how did they want to achieve Irish freedom?	
14	On what date did the 1918 general election take place?	
15	What do you think is the legacy of the first Dáil?	