



Unlike in mainland Britain, the **Romans** did not conquer Ireland, though there was considerable trade and contact between the two islands.



From the **5th to 11th centuries**, the people of Ireland were a mixture of **Celts** and **Vikings**. There were eight main kingdoms, and the most powerful king was called the High King. With **Christianity** came a huge growth in learning.



The **Normans** arrived in Ireland in **1169**. By 1171 King Henry II of England had become the Lord of Ireland, but Norman power was limited to the 'Pale', around Dublin, and major towns.



During **Tudor** times, **Elizabeth I** took away land from Irish rebels and set up 'Plantations' for English and Scottish settlers. One such rebel was pirate queen **Grace O'Malley**, a contemporary of Elizabeth.



After the English Civil War, Oliver **Cromwell** established control of Ireland amid much brutality.



The **17th and 18th centuries** brought about an increased **divide** between Catholics and Protestants, with Catholics excluded from parliament, the legal profession, the armed or government services.



Following constant rebellion by Catholics and Presbyterians (Ulster Protestants), an **Act of Union** joined Ireland to Britain in **1801**.



In **1845-9** Ireland's potato crop failed for three years out of four. Over one million people died of hunger or disease and another million left and moved abroad.



In **1916** some Irishmen joined the British Army to fight in WW1, while others fought against the British Army in the **Easter Rising**. A war of independence and a civil war followed, with the separation of Northern Ireland from the Irish Free State in 1922.



In the **21st century**, Northern Ireland has its own **Executive** and **Assembly** at Stormont.

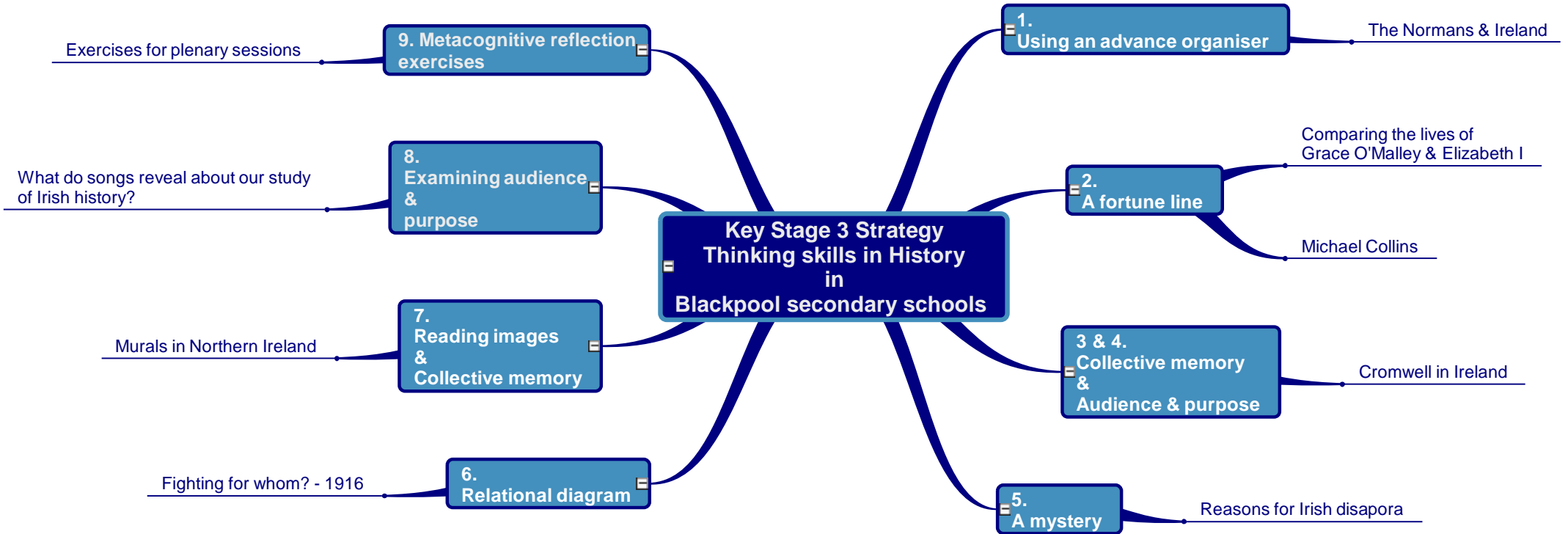


The **20th century** saw increasing violence between Nationalists and Unionists with the rise of **paramilitary** groups on both sides, until the 'Troubles' of the 60's and 70's led to attempted movement for peace in the 80's and 90's.



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