IRELAND'S GREAT HUNGER MUSEUM

The Illustrated News Reading Questions

1. According to the article “The Great Hunger”, when did the Great Hunger happen?
   a. 1820-1840
   b. 1945-1960
   c. 2001-2008
   d. 1845-1852

2. According to the article “Causes of the Great Hunger”, what is the name of the disease that people called ‘the blight’?
   a. The Great Hunger
   b. Plant Rot
   c. Phosphorous Infante
   d. Phytophthora Infestans

3. According to the article “Why Did People Eat So Many Potatoes?”, how many people could one acre of potatoes feed in a year?
   a. One
   b. Five
   c. Four
   d. Twelve

4. According to the article “Illustrated Newspapers”, how would people in Great Britain find out what was happening in Ireland?
   a. They would google it
   b. They would write letters
   c. They would read articles and look at illustrations in the newspaper
   d. They wouldn’t

5. What do you see in the illustration in “A View from the Times”? How does this picture make you feel?
6. According to the article “What Happened to the People?”, how many people left the country between 1841 and 1921?
   a. 1 million
   b. 4.5 million
   c. 2 million
   d. 3 million

7. According to the article “Eviction”, what does ‘eviction’ mean?
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Read “A View from the Times”. Imagine you are an artist, sent to Ireland to draw pictures for the newspaper of life there during the Great Hunger. Draw a picture of a scene in Ireland during the Great Hunger, and then write a short article describing the scene and what you saw there.