









Irish Presidents - Answers

Part A:

The Presidents.

Name	Year Started Office	Year Finished Office	Year of Birth	Year of Death	Place of Birth	Number of Terms
Douglas Hyde	1938	1945	1860	1949	Roscommon	1
Sean T. O'Kelly	1945	1959	1882	1966	Dublin	2
Eamon de Valera	1959	1973	1882	1975	New York	2
Erskine Childers	1973	1974	1905	1974	London	1
Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh	1974	1976	1911	1978	Dublin	1
Patrick Hillery	1976	1990	1923		Clare	2
Mary Robinson	1990	1997	1944		Ballina	1
Mary McAleese	1997		1951		Belfast	1

Pictures:

			
Douglas Hyde	Sean T. O'Kelly	Eamon de Valera	Erskine Childers
			
Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh	Patrick Hillery	Mary Robinson	Mary McAleese

**Part B:
Role and Responsibilities:**

Question	Answer
What are the two main roles of the President?	1. Irish Head of State
	2. Guardian of the people's rights
How long is a term of office?	7 years
Where does the inauguration ceremony take place?	Dublin Castle
Name three appointments the President makes:	1. Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister)
	2. Judges
	3. Officers of the Defence Forces
May the President travel abroad freely?	No – only with the permission of the Government.
Which President died after only 1 year and 5 months in office?	Erskine Childers
Who was the first female President?	Mary Robinson

**Part C:
Visitors.**

In which year did the school visit take place?	2000
What gift did the students give to the President?	A hamper of Torc chocolates and goodies
Who was the President's Aide-de-Camp?	Mrs Patricia O'Connor
Go to www.dictionary.com What is the meaning of this word: - Aide-de-camp	A military officer acting as secretary and confidential assistant to a superior officer of general or flag rank
What Irish singer and band have visited Áras an Uachtarán?	Bono and U2
Name a member of the British Royal family who visited the President?	Prince Charles

**Part D:
Áras an Uachtarán.**

What symbol is on the carpet in the Entrance Hall?	Gold Harp
What is on the centre of the mantelpiece in	Clock

the Library?	
What musical instrument is in the State Drawing Room?	Grand Piano
What is the main colour of the carpet in the State Reception Room?	Green
How many paintings on the wall in the President's Room?	7
Can you guess who the people are in each painting?	The seven previous Presidents.
Whose portrait will be next?	Mary McAleese.