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Trace the development of modern Ireland, covering the events and attitudes that shaped the nation’s history.

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