

## Let's get scruffy with some of Dublin's horrible histories!

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### [2] Dublin's 1st hospital, High Street

How many beds do you think Dublin's first hospital had?.....

If you were really really ill, would you rather be alive today? Or 1,000 years ago??.....



### [3] The Black Death, Christ Church Cathedral

The Black Death of 1348 killed half of the people in Dublin.

If that happened today, how many people would die, do you think?.....

This plague doctor's outfit has a mask. The beak holds sweet-smelling herbs, but why?.....

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### [4] Drinking fountain, Lord Edward St

Where does the drinking water in your home come from?

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Have you ever drunk water from a public fountain?.....

Would you drink water straight from a mountain stream?.....

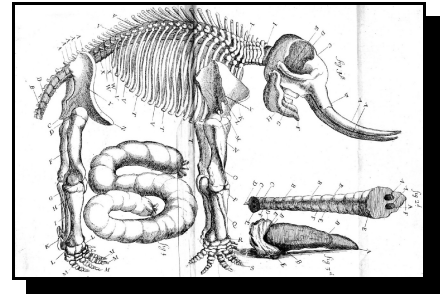


**[5] The elephant that died in Essex Street**

How long do you think it takes to dissect an elephant?  
Hours? Days? .....

Sketch an elephant here. As a help, this drawing is the skeleton of one that died in Dublin in 1681!

My Dublin elephant



**[6] Dublin's 1st maternity hospital, George's Court**

Where you were born:  
Was it at home, or in a hospital? .....  
Why?.....  
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**[7] St Stephen's leper hospital, Mercer Street**

This person has leprosy, but why are they ringing a bell ?

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Which Dublin park is named after the patron saint of lepers?.....



**[8] Royal College of Surgeons, St Stephen's Green**  
What was it like to have your leg amputated, or your tooth taken out, before there were any anaesthetics or antibiotics or painkillers? .....

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*Ouch! Doctor, be quick with that saw!*

**[9] The way to the gallows, St Stephen's Green**

When do you think, was the last person hanged in Ireland?

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(The answer is at the end)



**[10] Leinster House**

What is in Leinster house now? .....

What used to be here?.....

**[11] Royal College of Physicians, No. 6 Kildare St**

How many beats a minute does your heart do?.....

What do the letter's GP stand for in relation to a doctor?

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**[12] Molly Malone, Grafton Street**

What did Molly die of? .....

(Remember the song? Then you'll know the answer!)

Why might you get sick from eating shellfish?.....

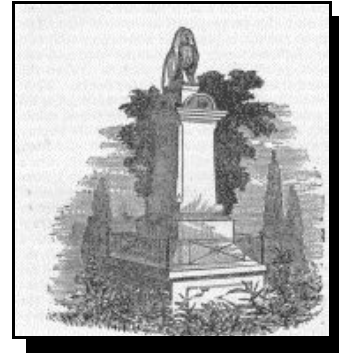
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**[13] Graveyard, Andrew's St**

Why did old graveyards have security guards?.....

Wooo! Imagine the spookiest grave yard you have ever been in....  
Now, draw it here:

**My Spooky Graveyard**



**Answer:** the last execution in Ireland was in 1954; Ireland abolished the death penalty in 1990.

**[Bubble] Congratulations!**

You have completed the trail. We hope you enjoyed exploring these horrible Dublin histories!

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