

TAKING PART IN A ROLE PLAY

A role play involves you imagining you are a particular character and explaining how they thought or felt at a particular moment or in a particular situation.

INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION (for real characters)

- ◆ Read all the information about your character beforehand.
- ◆ Research the character from the resources you have been given or using the Internet if necessary.

INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION (for imaginary characters)

- ◆ Read all the information available about the place or situation in which your character finds him/herself.

GROUP PREPARATION

When you come together as a group to prepare the role play:

- ◆ Appoint one person to be the director (If you are working in a pair, share this task).
- ◆ Briefly (in a few sentences) introduce yourself as your character e.g. "I am Mary Ann McCracken and I supported my brothers William and Henry Joy who were United Irishmen."
- ◆ Decide as a group what should happen in your scene—plot out the content and who should say what.
- ◆ Begin improvising conversations between your characters.
- ◆ Negotiate, as you go along, what needs to be said.
- ◆ The director should encourage and advise about emotions and expressions and ensure that group members are getting equal speaking time.

