



# Irish Dance Education Module

## Activities Guide

### Individual Activities



#### Design a Costume

Using the template provided, students design and draw a dance costume. Costume must include a Family Crest/Symbol. Student should be able to explain what the Crest/Symbol means/stands for.

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#### Create a Flyer for Irish Dance Performance

Create a Flyer marketing an Irish Dance Show. Use a template found online or in a software file, or create one from scratch. Include the following components:

1. Name of Show
  2. Stars of Show
  3. Short Explanation of what will be seen, marketing copy
  4. Photographs or drawings/artwork
  5. Time/Date/Location
  6. Music
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#### Create a Dance Program

Create a program for an Irish Dance Performance. Use a template found online or in a software file, or create one from scratch. Include the following components:

1. Name of Show
  2. Stars of Show
  3. Short Explanation of show/history/interesting facts
  4. Photographs or drawings/artwork
  5. Time/Date/Location
  6. Music
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#### Teach the Dance

Teach a friend, relative, or others the Irish dance steps learned.

#### Options:

- Film the process or the final result
- Take pictures
- Write a paper on what happened and what the experience was like



## Individual or Small Group Activities

### Perform an Irish Dance

Using the steps learned from the video module, students perform the Irish Dance Steps with music for the class, family and/or friends.

#### Options:

- Using the steps learned, create a new dance (the steps in different orders)
- Design and wear costumes
- Design the set
- Create a flyer to market the performance (See Flyer Activity)
- Create a dance program for the audience (See Program Activity)
- Film the performance and make a mini-movie, share with friends and family far away



### Give a Presentation on Irish Dance

Give a presentation covering various aspects of Irish dance. Use material in this module as well as additional research from the internet. Include:

1. History/Evolution
2. Uniqueness
3. The different dance & shoe types (can be live or use the video provided)
4. Example of Irish Dancing (can be live or a video of the student or from the internet)

#### Optional:

- Make a video presentation



## Entire Class or Large Group Activities



### Create a Production

Create a production to be performed in front of a live audience. Have students sign up for one or more roles/groups. Each group must work together with other groups in order for the production to be a success.

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## Celebrate Irish Heritage with an Irish Day

Celebrate Irish Heritage with Irish food, music, dance, and presentations.

### Option:

Divide the class in half and with students in each half volunteering to be responsible for different aspects of the day (ideas below). Half the time one group gets to “shop”, then switch and the other half gets to shop. Print out play paper money (Ireland uses the Euro) that each student gets to “spend”.

- Food
- Drink
- Irish dance performance
- Irish Dance lessons
- Music