A Short History of Ireland’s North

STONE AGE IRELAND
The area of Ireland’s North was occupied by Stone Age peoples, including Mesolithic and Neolithic cultures, around 3000 BC. The Iron Age (600 BC – AD 400) saw the development of farming communities and the use of iron tools.

CONQUEST AND SUPPRESSION
Queens Island was called on by King Magnus the Lawspeaker of Norway in 1072, and then by King Eithne of Dublin in 1077. The area then became part of the kingdom of Dublin. The Norman Conquest in 1171 resulted in the establishment of the Earl of Ulster, a Norman nobleman.

CELTIC ORIGINS
Celtic culture flourished in Ireland from the 4th to 5th century AD, and St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated as Ireland’s national holiday.

EARLY CHRISTIAN IRELAND
Early Christian Ireland was influential in the spread of Christianity in Europe, and the area was home to many influential figures.

VIKINGS AND NORRONS
The Vikings were the first to settle in Ireland, and they established several settlements in the area, including Dublin and Limerick.

EDWARD BRUCE, THE LAST HIGH KING
Edward Bruce was the last High King of Ireland, and he was a member of the O’Donnell family. He was killed in battle against the English in 1323.

DIVIDING IRELAND
In the late 19th century, the area was divided into two separate countries, Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

RESOLVING THE TROUBLES
In 1998, the Good Friday Agreement was signed, which established a power-sharing government for Northern Ireland.

Did You Know?

Northern Ireland was created in 1921 when the British government divided Ireland into Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State. The area became part of the United Kingdom.

Constitutionalism is the political ideology that emphasizes the importance of constitutional law and the rule of law in the governance of a country.

A 500-year-old bridge, known as the Great Bridge, is one of the oldest remaining structures in the area.

The famous Giant’s Causeway is a natural rock formation of hexagonal pillars.

The area was the site of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, which marked the end of the War of the Three Kingdoms.

In 1940, the town of Derry was under German occupation during World War II.

In 1953, Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

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