

### 13.14 Great Irish Famine in a Global Events

**Instructions:** The Great Irish Famine occurred within the context of British national and global events. Examine the events mentioned on this chart. Select three of the events and discuss how they may have influenced British policy in Ireland during the Great Irish Famine.

Year	Ireland	Britain	International
1836	Royal commission reports that there are 2.4 million Irish living in poverty.	People's Charter movement in Great Britain demands universal male suffrage	Boer farmers attempt break from British rule in South Africa
1837		Victoria becomes Queen of England	Independence movement in Canada; Tension with U.S. along Canadian border
1838	The Poor Law divides Ireland into 130 districts with workhouses.	Anti-Corn Law League	First Anglo-Afghan War; Slavery abolished in British empire
1839		Chartist rallies attacked by police and end in riots	Frist Opium War; Boers defeat Zulu an establish independent republic
1840			Conference on access to Black Sea; End of First Anglo-Afghan War
1841	Daniel O'Connell demands repeal of the Act of Union with Great Britain	Robert Peel (Tory) becomes Prime Minister	Britain proclaims sovereignty over Hong Kong; New Zealand becomes British colony
1842		Riots and strike wave industrial sectors	End of Opium War
1843	O'Connell arrested and rallies banned		Maori Revolt against British
1844	Daniel O'Connell convicted against conspiracy against British rule		
1845	Potato Blight reported in September.	Peel accuses Irish of exaggeration.	Maori revolt again; Anglo-Sikh War
1846	Limited British relief efforts.	Trevelyan advocates laissez-faire attitude toward famine. Russell (Whig) replaces Peel as prime Minister. <i>Times</i> accuses Irish of "indolence."	
1847	Typhus and other famine related diseases ravish Ireland. Millions on relief.		
1848	Evictions and emigration increase. Revolt of Young Irelanders.	Chartist uprisings; Parliament tries to address health and high mortality in English cities.	Wave of Revolution in Europe; Second Anglo-Sikh War;
1849	Worst year of the famine.		Britain annexes Punjab
1850			Anglo-Kaffir War; Taiping rebellion in China
1851			
1852			Second Burmese War
1853			Start of Crimean War
1854			Britain enters Crimean War; Bengal soldiers revolt; Direct British rule in India