

### 13.3 Irish - English Conflict in a Global Context, 1519-1685

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Question: How are conflicts between Ireland and England taking place within the context of broader global events?

Year	Irish-English Conflict	Global Context
1519-1521	Henry VIII increases taxes in Ireland and English control.	Martin Luther challenges authority of the Roman Catholic Church.
1534-1536	England breaks with the Roman Catholic Church. Irish rebellion against Henry VIII. Pope Paul III asked for support.	Jacques Cartier of France sails to North America.
1537	Rebels are defeated and leaders are executed. Henry VIII declared head of the Church of Ireland.	
1541	Irish Parliament accepts Henry VIII as King of Ireland.	Hernando de Soto explores Mississippi River valley.
1549-1557	Roman Catholic Mass outlawed in Ireland. English settlers replace Irish tenants on "plantations" in Ireland.	Ivan IV calls first national assembly in Russia.
1561-1583	Irish rebels including the Earls of Desmond lead guerrilla war against England.	Akbar the Great conquers China. Japan opens port of Nagasaki opened to trade.
1579	Pope Gregory XIII and Philip II of Spain support an Irish rebellion against England.	Founding of Dutch Republic. Portugal establishes trade base in Bengal.
1583	Earl of Desmond executed. Lands are confiscated	
1593-1603	O'Donnells and O'Neills lead Irish chieftains in Catholic rebellion against England. Hugh O'Neill declared unofficial Prince of Ireland.	1588- Defeat of Spanish Armada. 1595- War between France and Spain.
1601	3,500 Spanish soldier land in Cork to support the O'Neill rebellion. Combined Spanish-Irish force is defeated.	Plot against Elizabeth I of England fails.
1641	Puritans in the English Parliament press for end to tolerance of Irish Catholicism. Ireland rebels. 12,000 Scottish and English planters are killed in Ulster. Protestants in England charge Irish Catholics with atrocities. English Parliament votes to confiscate and resell Catholic lands.	1641-1648- England torn by Civil War. Puritans control English Parliament.
1649	Oliver Cromwell and 12,000-man Puritan New Model Army invade Ireland. Defenders of captured towns are slaughtered. Rebellion defeated.	Charles I of England is beheaded.
1653	Puritan dominated English Parliament abolishes the Irish Parliament. Irish lands are confiscated. Irish landowners east of the Shannon River face death or enslavement in the West Indies.	Oliver Cromwell named Lord Protector of England.
1685	Only 22% of the land of Ireland is owned by Irish Catholics.	Chinese ports opened to foreign trade. James II becomes King of England.