

**Curriculum links:** Government, economy and society in the Republic of Ireland, 1949-1989 - demographic changes

**RTÉ Archives: Emigration from Killasser, Co. Mayo 1967 and "All the men will be leaving for England again" 1972**

Access the video clip Emigration from Killasser, Co. Mayo 1967 [here](#).

Access the video clip "All the men will be leaving for England again" [here](#).

Although economic expansion did create job opportunities in Ireland in the 1960s, the west of Ireland continued to suffer high emigration rates due to lack of employment opportunities. The two clips explored here show the extent of emigration from the west of Ireland and the impact of emigration on the communities that lived there.



### Activity 1

Watch the first three minutes of the video clip 'Emigration from Killasser, Co. Mayo' and answer the following questions:

1. Based on the first minute of this clip, what evidence is there that Killasser, Co. Mayo is an impoverished place?

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2. According to the presenter, Cathal O'Shannon, what is in danger of happening to Killasser?

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3. What is the evidence for what could happen to Killasser?

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4. What has Fr. John Leonard observed since coming to the town?

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### Activity 2

Watch the clip "All the men will be leaving for England again". Use the box below to write down your observations as you watch the clip.

Based on your notes and your impressions from this clip, how would you describe the emotional impact of emigration on communities living in the west of Ireland?