

CULTURE 1 Two Celtic cities

Background information

Sinéad O'Connor is an Irish singer. She had a huge hit in 1990 with her cover of the Prince song *Nothing Compares 2 U*.

James Joyce is one of the most influential writers of the 20th century. He wrote a collection of short stories called *Dubliners* and the novel *Ulysses*.

The Edinburgh International Festival is one of the biggest arts festivals in the world. It started in 1947 and takes place over three weeks every August. **The Fringe** festival began as an unofficial extra element to the main festival, but is now more famous than the official event. There are famous comedians and student actors in The Fringe festival who want to become famous.

1 Dublin James Joyce **2** The Custom House **4** Bono **3** The Temple Bar Quarter **1**

Edinburgh Arthur Conan Doyle **2** Edinburgh Castle **4** J.K. Rowling **3** Princes Street **1**

2 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T

3 1 841 AD **2** 1437 **3** 1633 **4** Oscar Wilde **5** U2 **6** Sinéad O'Connor **7** J.K. Rowling **8** Fringe **9** Temple Bar **10** Castle Rock

4 *Students' own answers.*

CULTURE 2 Elizabeth I

Background information

The **Elizabethan era** is considered England's golden age. During the reign of Elizabeth I (1558-1603) England became a great naval and commercial power, London grew in size and importance, and English drama experienced a renaissance, with William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe writing their famous plays.

1 ship **e** turkey **b** silver **c** pineapple **f** monarch **d** spices **a**

2 A Who was Elizabeth I?
B Riches and the Spanish Armada
C Golden age for English Literature
D New food from the New World

3 1 b 2 a 3 c 4 b 5 a 6 a

4 1 T 2 F 3 F 4 T

5 *Students' own answers.*

CULTURE 3 American holidays

- 1** marching band **5** parade float **3** corn on the cob **4** sweet potato **2** a Pilgrim **6** the Wampanoags **1**
- 2a** **1** Because it's a national holiday – Independence Day. **2** In 1785. **3** They had barbecues with lots of hot dogs, hamburgers and corn on the cob. **4** Yes, it was fantastic. **5** Thousands.
- 2b** **1** Yes, they do. **2** Family and friends. **3** They quizzed the audience about Thanksgiving. **4** They were an American Indian tribe. **5** Yes, they were.
- 3** **1** F **2** F **3** T **4** T **5** F **6** F
- 4** *Students' own answers.*

CULTURE 4 The Motown Record Company

- 1** gospel **2** soul **3** R & B (rhythm and blues) **1**
- 2a** In 1959 the Motown Record Company was founded. From 1961 to 1971 Motown had 110 top ten hits.
- 2b** **1** T **2** F His two sisters worked in the office. **3** F The sound combined R&B, soul and gospel. **4** F Black and white listeners loved it. **5** T **6** T
- 3** **1** He is a writer and author. **2** 40 million. **3** 50 years ago. **4** Because of the importance of Motown and its influence in so many hit songs. **5** Yes, but not quickly or easily. **6** Their songs were just hits, not black or white music.
- 4** *Students' own answers.*