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Answer two questions

1. "For a small country behind an island on the Atlantic edge of the continent, Ireland has produced a remarkably rich and variegated exposition of its own past" (Whelan, 1991). Discuss this statement with reference to the way in which radical changes in Irish culture have been accompanied by major 'revisions' in Irish historical studies during the course of the twentieth-century.
2. "Heritage is of fundamental importance to the interests of contemporary cultural and historical geography" (Graham, *et. al.*, 2000). Discuss this statement with particular reference to the way in which Ireland's past has recently been 'popularised'.
3. "In some ways economic history is historical geography with more equations if fewer maps. The two subjects do not so much have links but overlaps" (Royle, 1991). Assess this statement with reference to recent developments in the nature and philosophy of Irish historical geography.
4. Write an essay on the life and work of the British historical geographer, Sir Clifford Darby (1909-92).
5. The 'newer' generation of historical geographers operating in Ireland have moved away from the "former concentration on landscape artefacts towards a methodology which is very much more document-orientated" (Graham and Proudfoot, 1993). Discuss.
6. During the second half of the seventeenth century, Irish ports, as one of England's first overseas conquests and areas of settlement, played "an integral part in the Atlantic colonial story" (Elliott, 1987). Discuss this statement with reference to Cork's role in the early modern capitalist world system, and its transformation into an Atlantic port city between 1660-1700.