



# THE STORY OF IRELAND

## To School: Activity 5



Because of our school system in Ireland, nearly every adult can read and write. This is very different in other parts of the world, particularly in Africa and South America. You can check literacy rates for every country at [www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/](http://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/)

Use the box below to draw a bar chart or diagram to show how Ireland's adult literacy rate compares to other countries in the world. Why do you think this is so? Was this always the case for Ireland? What do you think happened to make it like it is today?