Educational Activity "In the Lion's Den: Daniel Macdonald, Ireland and Empire"

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Using one of the accompanying pieces of artwork from the *Scenes of Everyday Life in Ireland* packet OR Daniel Macdonald's *Tasting the Poitín in Ireland* (see below) and one piece of work from the link below, compare and contrast how everyday life is portrayed in these pieces. Look at the people, settings and colors that the artists use to depict how people lived during the 19th century.



Daniel Macdonald, Tasting the Poitín in Ireland, c. 1844, oil on canvas. Collection of Heide Roche

Choose one piece of art from the link below (click on painting at the top of the page to begin a slideshow): http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/scen/hd scen.htm

	Similarities	Differences
Daniel Macdonald		
Art of your choice		

In the space below, write a two-to-three paragraph response describing how the two works of art depict similar themes of everyday life in Ireland and the United States. Be specific with the themes that are being portrayed. Discuss what the people are doing (or not doing) and how the artist attempts to depict life for these people.

Extension Activity

To gain a deeper understanding of what life was like during the 19th century in both Ireland and the United States, conduct an Internet search of what life was like in both of these countries during this time period. Some suggested topics that could help you with your understanding:

- Rural vs. Urban Life
- Technology/Transportation
- Social Classes
- Impact of Religion
- Major industries

Ireland	United States
	Ireland

Which of the two countries that you researched do you think was further developed during the 19 th century? How are those advancements depicted in your research as well as the art that you chose? How does what you learned in your research connect with what you analyzed in the art?