THOUGHTS ON PACKING

**Rule One: Don’t** pack your passport in your checked luggage! Carry it with you!

**Weather**
Currently the high temperature is about 55 degrees in Ireland. It probably won’t be much warmer than 60-65 degrees when we are visiting and it may be much cooler. So, pack a sweater, especially since we will be on a boat going to Inishmore and it is cooler on the water. Also, pack a lightweight jacket (preferably waterproof and with a hood) as it will most likely rain, especially in the west. Check at: [http://www.ireland.com/weather/](http://www.ireland.com/weather/).

**Hotels**
Heating and cooling systems for hotels and hostels are generally not what we expect from US hotels, so be prepared for a lack of heat and air conditioning.

Make sure you pack a bar of soap for the showers. Also, public restrooms are a) scarce and b) not well appointed, so the soap will be handy. Pack a bandana for drying your hands. Pack a small antiseptic lotion just in case.

Be parsimonious with water and showers, as hot water runs out quickly. 7-8am is a crucial time for showers, but they may be ice cold.

**Luggage & Airplane Travel**
You can check two bags on Aer Lingus, each weighing 70 lbs, but I don’t recommend carrying that much luggage! Think of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*: wear your stuff a couple of times! You can always do laundry, but is that how you want to spend your time?

You can carry on a purse and a bag for the overhead compartment. The overhead bag must weigh less than 13 lbs and must be 9 x 14 x 18 inches or less. I usually bring aboard an activity bag with medications, eyeglasses, small tooth brush and toothpaste, comb, book, notebook, pencil, iPod, tickets, passport. You can bring a sleep mask if you want darkness to sleep. Please remember, though, that if you bring your iPod or CD player, to play it quietly on the plane, as people are going to sleep!
Which brings me to a strategy: Dinner will be served on the plane. Please consider sleeping either through the film or after the film. The airline hosts will dim the lights for everyone to sleep. You will be less tired the next day if you do. We will arrive in Dublin around 2am Oshkosh time (8am in Dublin) and you won’t be able to sleep for several more hours as we are going to walk around and get our bearings!

**Bus Transportation to O’Hare Airport**

The coach will be leaving from UW Oshkosh at 12:30pm. Meet in UW Oshkosh Parking Lot 6 to load luggage.

*Important!*

Please let me know if you will be using either of these other options:

- If you would like to board the coach in Milwaukee, please meet at the southern Watertown Plank Road Park and Ride (Lot 40-60) at 1:45pm. This park and ride allows overnight parking; check on long-term parking by calling (262)548-8657. Map: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/parkride/d2/pr4060.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/parkride/d2/pr4060.htm)

- If you intend to meet the group at the Aer Lingus ticket desk in Chicago, plan on an arrival time of approximately 3:30pm. We will check in as a group.

**Class Meetings**

Pre-departure class will meet in Swart 14 from 4-7pm Monday, May 15-Thursday, May 18.

I am planning a *Bon Voyage Reception* for you, parents, and friends on Thursday, May 18 at 7pm in Reeve Union. More details to follow!

**Word Lists**

In your notebook, try creating word lists for terms, place names, and people that you don’t know. We can use these as the basis of discussion in class.

**Connections**

Each day of class, you will be asked to connect one work of literature with another

**Unit Quizzes**

Unit Quizzes will be scored, but not graded. Successful completion of each quiz will positively affect your final grade. Each quiz will be given out to individuals for individual scores; then, individuals will contribute their knowledge to a team version of the same quiz.
Unit Quiz 1
May 15

ENG 302
Eavan Boland, “Mise Eire”
Patrick Kavanagh, “Canal Bank Walk”
W. B. Yeats, “The Lake Isle of Innisfree” & “The Wild Swans at Coole”

ENG 225, 350, 550
James Joyce, *Dubliners*
W. B. Yeats, *Cathleen ni Houlihan*
J. M. Synge, *Playboy of the Western World*
Eavan Boland, “Mise Eire”
Patrick Kavanagh, “Canal Bank Walk”
W. B. Yeats, “The Lake Isle of Innisfree” & “The Wild Swans at Coole”

Unit Quiz 2
May 16

ENG 302
Patriotic songs (Boys of Wexford, Kevin Barry, Roddy McCorley, Valley of Knockanure)
The Dead (film)
Denis Devlin, “The Tomb of Michael Collins”
W. B. Yeats, “Easter 1916”
Ciaran Carson, “Belfast Confetti”

ENG 225, 350, 550
Roddy Doyle, *A Star Called Henry*
Patriotic songs (Boys of Wexford, Kevin Barry, Roddy McCorley, Valley of Knockanure)
The Dead (film)
Denis Devlin, “The Tomb of Michael Collins”
W. B. Yeats, “Easter 1916”
Ciaran Carson, “Belfast Confetti”
Douglas Hyde, “The Necessity for De-Anglicizing Ireland”
John Montague, “A Lost Tradition”
Unit Quiz 3  
May 17

ENG 302
Cuchulain of Muirthemne (Yeats & Gregory 327-364)  
The Trooping Fairies, Changelings (Yeats & Gregory 1-60)

ENG 225, 350, 550
Lady Gregory, “Cuchulain of Muirthemne”  
Joseph Campbell, “I am the Mountainy Singer” & “Night, and I Travelling”  
Seamus Heaney, “The Tollund Man” & “Bogland”  
W. B. Yeats, “The Stolen Child”

Unit Quiz 4  
May 18

ENG 302
Rebecca Solnit, Book of Migrations  
Eavan Boland, “That the Science of Cartography is Limited”  
Eiléan Ní Chuilleannáin, “Early Recollections”  
Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, “The Language Issue”

ENG 225, 350
Frank McCourt, Angela’s Ashes  
Eavan Boland, “That the Science of Cartography is Limited”  
Eiléan Ní Chuilleannáin, “Early Recollections”

ENG 550
Rebecca Solnit, Book of Migrations  
Frank McCourt, Angela’s Ashes  
Eavan Boland, “That the Science of Cartography is Limited”  
Eiléan Ní Chuilleannáin, “Early Recollections”

The next open office hours for Ireland are at the following times in Radford 226:

Tuesday April 18, 1-2:30  
Tuesday May 2, 1-2  
Thursday May 4, 1-3  
Tuesday May 9, 1-2:30