

## Listening Guide- Episode 1

### William Butler Yeats- "Easter, 1916"

#### "The Poetry That Inspired Things Fall Apart"

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ poem is when you're moved by an occasion, and you want to record how this particular occasion affected you and makes you feel.
2. But Yeats has become popular because he can \_\_\_\_\_ things, and we can identify with them.
3. Even President Joe Biden has talked about Yeats in a speech on \_\_\_\_\_ policy if you can believe it.
4. His wife's name was \_\_\_\_\_.
5. His work has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ in it, it's political, it's spiritual.
6. His work is Irish, and by virtue of being \_\_\_\_\_ there's going to be magic and mystery embedded because that's history and culture of Ireland.
7. The Irish, like the Igbo, had a different \_\_\_\_\_ for centuries.
8. Of course, the largest similarity between these two men is that they both lived with colonialism and \_\_\_\_\_.
9. William Butler Yeats was born in \_\_\_\_\_, that's in Ireland, in 1865.
10. There was a lot of prejudice in \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Irish.
11. Yeats' father, who I told you was a middle-class lawyer, decides to leave Dublin and move to London and become an \_\_\_\_\_.
12. In Sligo he learned about \_\_\_\_\_, literally.
13. Lots of people all around the world are \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Irish mythology certainly has a pantheon of \_\_\_\_\_; they have a connection with their ancestors.
15. In fact, a lot of Yeats' stuff leaned heavily on the \_\_\_\_\_ side kind of like William Blake's did.
16. "You were \_\_\_\_\_ like us."
17. I would say Maud Gonne is what Britney Spears would call a \_\_\_\_\_.

18. He proposed to her, and the numbers are mixed, but something like \_\_\_\_\_ times, seriously.
19. He was also attracted to her because of her extreme \_\_\_\_\_ activism.
20. Yeats was one of those men who were especially attracted to \_\_\_\_\_ women.
21. There are some people that think this poem is likely the most powerful \_\_\_\_\_ poem ever written in the English language.
22. He wants \_\_\_\_\_ between the two people groups of his homeland.
23. The Irish are really in an \_\_\_\_\_ double bind.
24. However, the British made a terrible mistake, they choose to \_\_\_\_\_ 16 of the leaders of the rebellion.
25. One of the men executed by the British for being a leader in the rebellion was Maud Gonne's \_\_\_\_\_, McBride.
26. The Irish War for \_\_\_\_\_ is going to start in 1919.
27. "A terrible \_\_\_\_\_ is born."
28. He thinks symbols are something that we can use to \_\_\_\_\_ to the other world, they represent something deeper than any one thing.
29. Something might be a \_\_\_\_\_ if it kind of looks out of place.
30. To be Irish is to have a deep heritage for all of its beauty, and for it's all of its magic, it's not always a \_\_\_\_\_ place.
31. "Was it needless \_\_\_\_\_ after all?"
32. Yeats deliberately wrote the poem to look like a broken \_\_\_\_\_.
33. The date of the event is embedded in the \_\_\_\_\_, but we also have a different date at the end.