



After'16 Short Film Collection Worksheet

Granite and Chalk

Recommended age: 12+

Suggested Class: TY/Senior History/English

Themes: Detective Fiction, Researching, The Informer



1. Watch the Film once and discuss the following:

- Why did some Irish men sign up to fight in Europe?
- Who were Granite and Chalk? Who was their boss?
- What evidence exists of their activity?
- Name three of the people mentioned in Chalk's despatch.
- How did the nationalist side communicate with one another?
- Why did Nathan hesitate in cracking down on the rebels, do you think?
- Why did he protect Granite and Chalk?
- What happened on Easter Monday?
- How long did the Rising last?
- What happened to win public support for the rebellion?

2. Watch the Film again:

How do we know that this story is true?

What different pieces of evidence are used in the film to show that it is true?

3. Filmmaking

What is a documentary? Is this a documentary?

What other methods are used to convey information?

Why do you think the filmmakers used this style too?

Did you learn anything new from this film? Explain your answer.

4. Discussion

Granite and Chalk: Patriots or Traitors? Discuss using evidence from the film.