**A SETTLER ON A PLANTATION**

* My name is John and I am from England. I came to Ireland in 1618 during the Ulster plantation. This was organised by King James 1 after the Nine Years War and after O’Neill and his fellow Irish lords left Ireland. They left because they found it impossible to live under English rule and their departure is known as the Flight of the Earls.
* King James wants to get rid of disloyal Catholic Irish and replace them with reliable Protestants like me so that he has more control over Ireland. He wants the new settlers to introduce English law, villages, religion, ways of trading, and the English language.
* There are many types of settler here. There are undertakers, servitors, and loyal Irish. I have also heard that many London businessmen have settled in Derry, now called Londonderry and have set up businesses there.
* I am an undertaker, and I received 2000 acres for a rent of £5.00 per 1,000 acres, which is really cheap. I am only supposed to employ English or Scottish tenants, but I have heard that some undertakers have broken this rule already. Servitors and the loyal Irish rent less land for more money, but they are allowed to rent land to Irish tenants.
* It is my duty to build a stone house with a bawn to protect me from native Irish attacks. I must also build a village which will have a Protestant church and a school
* It will have wide straight streets with English style houses and a square (diamond) in the centre for holding markets. It is important for us to have markets because this will increase trade and help my village to flourish.
* I must also build a courthouse and a gaol and I must also employ a constable to look after law and order. We will all follow common law, not Brehon law.
* We English have introduced new ways of farming. We grow more crops and have fewer cattle. We sell our produce at the market each week.
* Everything seems to be working out at the moment and our village is flourishing. However, trouble seems to be brewing between the English settlers and the Irish natives because of the religious divide (Catholics v Protestants). All of the settlers are either Anglican or Presbyterian and the native Catholics resent us. I don’t like their popish ways, and I am fearful of an attack