Flight From Famine

Please access the video file **Flight From Famine** on *YouTube* at the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiEQ4ZAB5NA>

You will need to watch the entire video (4:57). Once finished, please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of loose-leaf.

1. Specifically, what was the cause of the “Blight” that began in Ireland in 1845?
2. Approximately how many people in Ireland died as a result of “The Great Hunger”?
3. Approximately how many people fled Ireland as a result of “The Great Hunger”?
4. So what! The potatoes crop failed. Why did so many people die? I don’t get it. Explain it to me in no more than two sentences.
5. Even though many Irish people came to the United States before the Civil War I think they can most accurately be described as “new” immigrants. Give one reason to support this claim.