the teachers were not very nice and used canes. When your birthday came along you were not allowed have a party and you got no gifts. You would have to make your own toys and clothing. When Santa came you knitted stockings and got sweets in them. Nora's family grew their own vegetables and got their own turf in the bog. For breakfast they would have porridge, egg or bread and butter. For dinner they had potatoes and egg or potatoes and cabbage. The family never bought bread they always made their own. When Nora was fifteen and a half, she went
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Over to England to work. In England Nora had two jobs. She worked very hard and sent home the money she made. That is Nora O'Malley's life, it is so much tougher than our life now.

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