**Answers to “Famine Times” questions pg. 119 (Earthlink)**

1. There was a famine in Ireland in 1845 because the potato crop failed due to a disease called blight and most Irish people depended on the potato for food.
2. About 1,000,000 people died during the Famine.
3. 1847 was called “Black 47”, as it was the worst year of the Famine.
4. People went to the workhouse to seek help as a last resort, as they had no food and often were very sick.
5. The men had the job of breaking stones.
6. The women were kept busy sewing, washing and cleaning.
7. Two countries that the Irish people sailed to were America and Canada.
8. The ships were known as “coffin ships”.