



## Balanced Report

In the 1840's in Ireland the O'Driscoll family are living in a small village called Duneen. They are living during the famine. The potato blight has caused millions of deaths including Bridget O'Driscoll. The children are all alone because their mum has gone to look for their dad, who was working on the roads. Now they are trying to decide whether or not to go to the workhouse.

Some people say, they'll get fed daily at least because if they do a days work they are guaranteed a meal. Other people say, they will have to eat in complete silence because the workhouse has strict rules.

On the one hand, they'll have shelter. Workhouses were huge buildings that were made for people with no home and no money. On the other hand, the conditions will be damp, smelly and cold because they don't have electricity for heating.

Some people say, they'll get split up



because the boys get split from the girls and the children get split from the adults.

Other people say, they might make new friends, however they could be living with nasty, dangerous strangers, because they don't deny anyone so anyone could be there.

In conclusion, I believe that it would be better to go to the aunts because they will be warm, safe and they have less chance of catching the fever.

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