

American World Irish Culture

Even though she was born in Ireland, Ciara grew up as a fairly typical American kid. Her parents were both born and raised in Ireland, but moved their entire family to the U.S. when she was two for her father's work. Because of her young age, Ciara does not remember much about her time in Ireland. The only difference you would notice between her and an American kid her age was her pronunciation of certain words such as "garage." (she pronounces it similarly to "gare-edge"). That does not mean, however, that she was not impacted by the Irish culture as much. She grew up influenced by both the American world around her and the Irish culture at home.

If you ask most American teenagers who their favorite musicians are, they may tell you that they like The Chainsmokers, Shawn Mendes, or Billie Eilish. Ciara is no different. She loves to listen to a lot of the same music that other American kids her age do. Along with music, she has also grown up watching American TV, eating American food, and using American slang. All of these things, she learned from the American culture surrounding her.

Along with having the influence of the American culture from her friends and peers, she was also impacted by the Irish culture that was very much present in her family. She enjoys a lot of Irish music and TV shows that she was exposed to from her trips to visit her family back in Ireland, as well as the influence from her parents. Since Ciara's parents grew up in Ireland, they still used a lot of Irish slang and pronounced words differently from most Americans. This caused Ciara and her siblings to pronounce some words the same way her parents did. Being one of the only noticeable differences between Ciara and her classmates, she would often get questions about why she pronounced words a certain way. When her peers found out that this was due to her being Irish and not an American citizen, "Are you illegal?" she said they would ask.

"No, there are other ways of being here [that aren't citizenship]," she would tell them.

Despite having some moments like these, she still leads a fairly normal American life. Her taste in music, food, TV, and so much more shows her similarities to the American culture. However, her connections to her Irish roots are very important to her and her siblings, and they continue to keep a lot of their Irish culture with them.