Does it matter?

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Name _____ Date _____

The five changes: electricity in country homes (from 1946); the first night of Irish television (1961); free secondary school (1967); Ireland joining the European Economic Community (1973); the first woman elected President (1990).

WRITE

Choose the change you think mattered least of the five. Use one of these tests while you write: how many lives it changed; how long the change lasted; whether it is still remembered; what it reveals about life at the time. Write a short paragraph that names the change, says why it mattered less than the others, and names the test you used.

The change that mattered least was …

It mattered less because …

The test I used is …

This test fits because …

MATCH

Four children each gave a reason for where they put a change on the line. Which test did each one use? Draw a line from each test to the reason that uses it.

How many lives did it change?	How long did the change last?	Is it still remembered today?	What does it reveal about life at the time?
Children still learn about the first woman President in school.	Thousands more children could stay on at school without paying fees.	Before electricity came, a farm kitchen was lit by an oil lamp after dark.	Irish television is still on every day, more than sixty years later.

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