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# St. Patrick's Day

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- \* It is also widely celebrated by the Irish people all around the world, especially in places such as Great Britain, Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, etc.
- Today, St. Patrick's Day is probably the most widely celebrated saint's day in the world.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Saint Patrick's Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick") is a cultural and religious holiday celebrated on 17 March.
- It commemorates Saint Patrick (387–461).
- He was the most famous patron saint of Ireland.

#### WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

- He is famous for bringing Christianity to Ireland.
- Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland.
- Little is known of Patrick's early life.
- He was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy family.
- At the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave.

#### WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

- According to his Confession, he was told by God in a dream to flee from captivity to the coast, where he would board a ship and return to Britain.
- After he fled from captivity he joined the Church and studied to be a priest.
- × In 432 he was called back to Ireland.
- \* As a bishop, his task was to christianize the Irish from their polytheism.

#### SHAMROCK

- Why is the Shamrock the National Flower of Ireland?
- Legend says that one of his teaching methods included using the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish people.

#### SHAMROCK AND ST. PATRICK





#### SNAKES IN IRELAND?

- Saint Patrick is also known for driving the snakes from Ireland.
- It is true there are no snakes in Ireland, but there probably never have been.
- The island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age.

#### SNAKES IN IRELAND?

- Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic.
- It probably ment the end of pagan religious practice.
- \* There are several accounts of Saint Patrick's death.
- One says that Patrick died at Downpatrick, Ireland, on March 17, 460 A.D.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY TODAY

- The day is generally characterised by the attendance of church services,
- wearing green clothes,
- public parades and processions
- × drinking alcohol.
- In 1903, Saint Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in Ireland.

#### ST. PATRICK'S IN THE USA

- In American cities with a large Irish population, St. Patrick's Day is a occasion.
- Big cities and small towns celebrate with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games.
- Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers green (e.g. Chicago).

#### ST. PATRICK'S IN THE USA

- St. Patrick's Day, is not a legal holiday in the United States,.
- It is widely recognized and celebrated throughout the country.
- It is observed as a celebration of Irish and Irish American culture. The holiday has been celebrated on the North American continent since the late eighteenth century.

#### DYEING THE RIVER

- Dyeing the river on St. Patrick s day in Chicago has been happening for the last 44 years.
- It is part of St. Patrick s day parade.
- \* The Chicago river turns green to remind the "Emerald Island" - Ireland.
- \* The dye used for colouring the river is orange, but it changes green rhen it soaks into the river.

### **QUESTIONS:**

- \* Who was St. Patrick?
- What do you know about his life?
- Why did he become the patron saint of Ireland?
- Why is shamrock symbol of Ireland?
- When is St. Patrick's day celebrated?
- \* How is St. Patrick´s day celebrated in the USA?

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