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## St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day honors the patron saint of Ireland. Although he was not the first Christian missionary to Ireland, Patrick was chiefly responsible for converting the Irish to Christianity. Use this webquest to learn more about this saint, the holiday that bears his name, and Ireland.

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### Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words. Since this activity is about St. Patrick's Day, you can start by searching the key word "St. Patrick's Day." Write the answers below each question or in the space provided.

1. When is St. Patrick's Day celebrated each year?
2. Saint Patrick is the special saint of which country?
3. Saint Patrick used shamrocks to teach Irish people about \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What did Saint Patrick do more than 1,500 years ago?



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## Saint Patrick

Go to the "Saint Patrick" article and answer these questions about the patron saint of Ireland.

5. Where was Patrick born?
6. What happened to Patrick when he was 16 years old?
7. What happened to Patrick about 430?
8. One legendary story claims that Patrick drove the \_\_\_\_\_ out of Ireland.
9. When is Saint Patrick's feast day?

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## Ireland

Go to the "Ireland" article and answer these questions about the country where Saint Patrick served for decades as a missionary.

10. What is Ireland's capital and largest city?
11. Why is Ireland known as the "Emerald Isle"?
12. From 1845 to 1848, what happened that caused the deaths of about 1 million people?
13. Find the image "Ireland flag and coat of arms." What are the colors of the 3 vertical stripes on Ireland's flag?
14. Click on the "Ireland in brief" table. What are Ireland's official languages?
15. Which people group came to Ireland from England and the European mainland about 2,400 years ago?

## What's the Word?

Questions 16-25. Find the words hidden within the puzzle from the list below. The words may be spelled out vertically (up and down), horizontally (across), or diagonally (slanted). Also, the words may be spelled in the right order, or they may be spelled backwards.

DUBLIN	X	H	G	I	Y	E	P	G	R	U	V	C	N	J	T	W	P	L
EMERALD ISLE	R	M	T	C	C	E	L	S	I	D	L	A	R	E	M	E	V	T
GREEN	F	M	F	K	U	X	N	E	K	F	F	K	D	R	E	H	J	U
HOLIDAY	E	Q	T	B	W	I	Y	A	E	O	T	H	E	G	O	R	S	X
IRELAND	Q	I	Z	F	F	N	Y	U	W	I	N	C	Z	L	P	U	G	L
IRISH	F	C	J	V	A	U	R	S	V	S	Y	C	I	A	F	A	C	X
MARCH	U	L	O	Y	H	X	H	Z	W	Z	Z	D	E	F	G	Q	B	Q
MISSIONARY	H	T	W	I	S	A	I	N	T	P	A	T	R	I	C	K	L	R
SAINT PATRICK	C	O	D	F	M	J	V	Y	I	Y	N	S	I	O	F	U	N	M
SHAMROCK	R	B	I	R	S	F	P	R	P	I	L	K	Z	I	H	P	U	I
	A	V	O	G	A	M	M	Q	S	E	M	M	R	V	A	C	P	S
	M	C	F	F	X	E	S	T	O	H	U	I	P	L	T	N	B	S
	K	T	T	V	E	C	N	Y	L	Z	S	R	A	H	E	G	F	I
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# Teacher Page

## Answers

1. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 each year.
2. Saint Patrick is the special saint of Ireland.
3. Saint Patrick used shamrocks to teach Irish people about God.
4. Saint Patrick brought the Christian religion to Ireland more than 1,500 years ago.
5. Patrick was born in Britain (now the United Kingdom).
6. When Patrick was 16 years old, pirates kidnapped him and sold him as a slave in Ireland.
7. About 430, Pope Celestine sent Patrick to Ireland as a missionary.
8. One legendary story claims that Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland.
9. Saint Patrick's feast day is March 17.
10. Dublin is Ireland's capital and largest city.
11. Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle because of its beautiful green countryside.
12. From 1845 to 1848, a plant disease killed Ireland's potatoes, the people's main food. About 1 million Irish people died of starvation or disease.
13. The 3 vertical stripes on Ireland's flag are green, white, and orange.
14. Ireland's official languages are Irish and English.
15. The Celts came to Ireland from England and the European mainland about 2,400 years ago.

16-25. Word Search Solution:

X H G I Y E P G R U V C **N** J T W P L  
R M T C C **E L S I D L A R E M E** V T  
F M F K U X N E K F F K D R **E H** J U  
E Q T B W I Y A E O T H E G **O R** S X  
Q I Z F F N Y U W I N C Z **L P U G** L  
F C J V A U R **S V S Y C I** A F A C X  
U L O Y H X **H Z W Z Z D** E F G Q B Q  
**H T W I S A I N T P A T R I C K** L R  
**C O D F M J V Y I Y N S I O F U N M**  
**R B I R S F P R P I L K Z I H P U I**  
**A V O G A M M Q S E M M R V A C P S**  
**M C F F X E S T O H U I P L T N B S**  
**K T T V E C N Y L Z S R A H E G F I**  
N G S F K S A **I A H R E F H P B W O**  
R V D Q M Z S R **L Q O L X E V L C N**  
T G P I L W Q I U **B Z A V L I M V A**  
E Y V T P E S G Z F **U N D B S A L R**  
G I C L F A H E P O H **D D C J V I Y**