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Trivia Quiz





How did the shamrock
become associated
with St. Patrick?

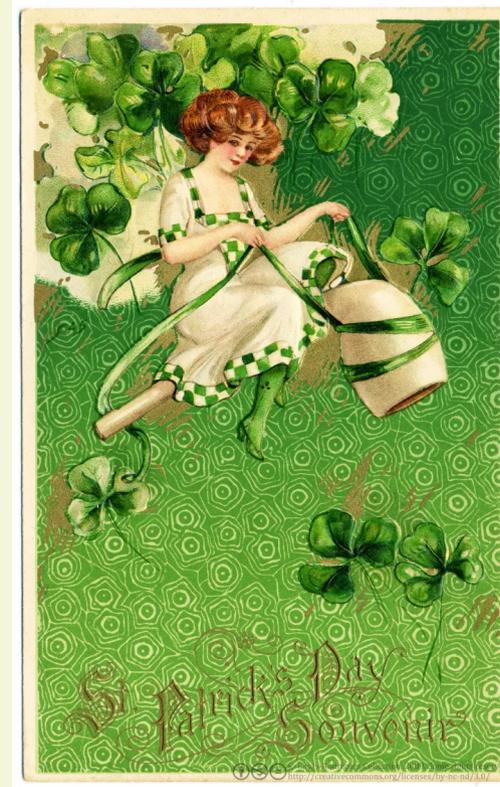


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According to Irish legend, St. Patrick used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.



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What's the phrase
"Erin go Bragh" mean?



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It's an interpretation of the Irish *Éirinn go Brách*, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."



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What year did the city of Chicago first dye the Chicago River green?

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Chicago has been celebrating St. Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. And though the organizers won't reveal their exact formula, we do know that vegetable dye is part of the orange powder used which is dispersed through flour sifters by the local Plumbers Union.

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Why do folks traditionally wear the color Green on St. Patrick's Day?



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According to folklore, you get pinched on St. Patrick's day for not wearing green because green makes you invisible to leprechauns, and leprechauns like to pinch people (because they can!)



According to Paul Finnegan, the Executive Director of the New York Irish Center, wearing green actually symbolizes a nonsectarian movement from the late 18th century that campaigned for Ireland to become an independent republic.



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What is the original traditional color of St. Patrick's Day?



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Before green came on the scene, blue was the color associated with Saint Patrick and the Emerald Isle. The significance of blue dates back to early Irish mythology when the sovereignty of Ireland, Flaitheas Éireann, was often represented by a woman dressed in a blue robe. Green was introduced in 1798.



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How many pints of Guinness, the official beverage of St. Patrick's Day, are consumed worldwide on March 17th?



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Each St. Patrick's Day it's estimated a whopping 13 million pints of Guinness will be consumed globally on the holiday, according to Fortune, which is celebrated everywhere with Irish descent. Because of the COVID pandemic, Guinness committed \$500,000 in both 2020 and 2021, through the Guinness Gives Back Fund, to "help communities where we live, work and celebrate."





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When was the first
St. Patrick's Day Parade
held in New York City?

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New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, roughly 250,000 marchers have traipsed up 5th Avenue on foot—the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.

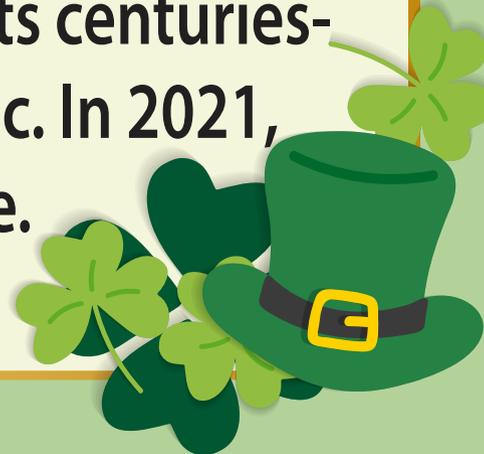


The parade is over 5 hours long. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the Archbishop of New York; and Miracle on 34th Street actress Maureen O'Hara have served as Grand Marshal. In 2020, the parade was canceled for the first time in its centuries-old history due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the parade went "Virtual" for the first time.

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Why is St. Patrick's Day
celebrated on
March 17th?

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St. Patrick's Day takes place on March 17 each year because St. Patrick's death is believed to have been on March 17, 461. The Church began observing a special feast to honor him on this day starting in 1631.



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While corned beef and cabbage are considered to be traditional St. Patrick's Day dishes, it's actually not an authentic Irish meal.

Where did it originate?

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Corned beef and cabbage was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. They would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.



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Why is the four-leaf clover
a symbol for good luck?





The leaves of four-leaf clovers are said to stand for faith, hope, love, and luck. It's often said that Ireland is home to more four-leaf clovers than any other place, giving meaning to the phrase "the luck of the Irish."



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