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St. Patrick's Day (Video Worksheet)

four-leaf-clover
St.Pat's parade Christianity
church pot pagan Emerald
Ireland paganism gold
Isle holiday
green jig shoemaker beer
harp Dublin Irish
leprechaun rainbow
snakes clover
St.Patrick's Guinness shamrock

-1- Before watching the video 'The History of St. Patrick – a Short Story', make sure that you know the words in the word cloud.

-2- What other symbols of St. Patrick's Day can you name?

-3- Now watch the video 'The History of St. Patrick – a Short Story' twice and find the answers to the questions below:

- 1) When was St. Patrick born?
- 2) What was originally his name?
- 3) What had been St. Patrick's religion until he was 16 years old?
- 4) What led him to Christianity?
- 5) Where did he spend 12 years?
- 6) What was his Christian activity about?
- 7) What were St. Patrick's miracles?
- 8) What was the snake a metaphor for?
- 9) Why was the color of the holiday changed?
- 10) When did St. Patrick die?
- 11) When was he canonized?
- 12) What does the holiday mean now?



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1) When was St. Patrick born?

Britain.

2) What was originally his name?

Maewyn Succat.

3) What had been St. Patrick's religion until he was 16 years old?

A pagan or even an atheist.

4) What led him to Christianity?

A long period of slavery and captivity.

5) Where did he spend 12 years?

At the monastery.

6) What was his Christian activity about?

To convert the pagans to Christianity. (He traveled through Ireland and established schools, monasteries and churches around the land).

7) What were St. Patrick's miracles?

According to the legends, St. Patrick raised people from the dead. He also drove the snakes out of Ireland.

8) What was the snake a metaphor for?

Paganism (i.e. he drove paganism out of Ireland).

9) Why was the color of the holiday changed?

Initially the color was blue, but it was changed due to the associations with the Irish flag and Ireland itself.

10) When did St. Patrick die?

On March 17th 461 AD.

11) When was he canonized?

In the 12th century.

12) What does the holiday mean now?

Originally it is a Catholic Holiday. But today it's celebrated by non-Irish, non-Catholics, and even by the atheists. The day is associated with leprechauns, green hats, pipes, and a pot of gold.