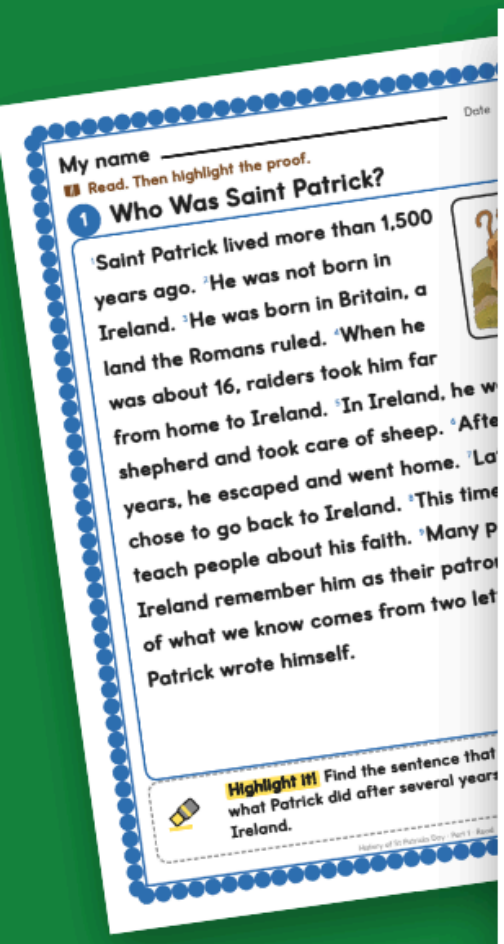
HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

3 passages, a 6-strip timeline and 12 questions, with a key


My name _____ Date _____

Read. Then highlight the proof.

1 Who Was Saint Patrick?

[1]Saint Patrick lived more than 1,500 years ago. [2]He was not born in Ireland. [3]He was born in Britain, a land the Romans ruled. [4]When he was about 16, raiders took him far from home to Ireland. [5]In Ireland, he w shepherd and took care of sheep. [6]Afte years, he escaped and went home. [7]La chose to go back to Ireland. [8]This time teach people about his faith. [9]Many P Ireland remember him as their patro of what we know comes from two let Patrick wrote himself.

Highlight it! Find the sentence that what Patrick did after several years Ireland.

History of St Patricks Day · Part 1 · Read


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Cut apart. Then glue in order.

A		Patrick escaped and went home.
B		In 1762, Irish soldiers marched in New York City.
C		In 1962, Chicago began dyeing its river green.
D		Patrick lived more than 1,500 years ago.
E		Patrick went back to Ireland to teach.
F		At about 16, raiders took Patrick to Ireland.

History of St Patricks Day · Timeline · Cut

GRADES 2-5



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Turn off fit to page and shrink to fit so the passages stay big enough to read. Pages print in color or in black and white.

Student work

A filled-in tracker carries a student's name. Keep it in the data folder, and use a first name only on any page that leaves your hands.

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Passage at a Glance

One passage about the history of St. Patrick's Day in 3 parts, with questions that stay close to the text.

The passage at a glance

Part	Title	Lines	Words	Pages
1	Who Was Saint Patrick?	10	99	6, 9
2	Why March 17?	10	97	7, 10
3	Shamrocks, Green and Parades	10	123	8, 11

"Lines" is the number of numbered sentences and "Words" the number of words, for a reading-rate check if you want one.

A routine that fits twenty minutes

- Teach the six words on the Word Match page.
- Read a part aloud together, then once alone.
- Highlight the proof sentence for the prompt.
- Turn the page and answer the four questions. Go back to the text for any answer.
- Repeat with parts 2 and 3, then do the timeline strips.

Say it this way

- "Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "What number is that sentence? Say it, then write it."
- "Read the strip. Did it happen before or after?"

Where the facts come from

- One source: Wikipedia, "Saint Patrick" and "Saint Patrick's Day" (en.wikipedia.org), read November 20, 2026. The passage is written in our own words, and nothing is quoted.
- Saint Patrick's Day is March 17, so early March is a natural time to read it. Not every family celebrates it; the passages are history and folklore, not a lesson in any belief.
- Three stories in the passages are marked as legend or make-believe (the shamrock lesson, the snakes and the leprechaun). The questions ask only what the text says, and the Fact or Legend sheet teaches children to tell the two apart.

Ways to adjust a page

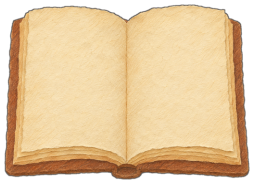
- Read the passage aloud first, then let the child read it.
- Let the child say an answer while you write it.
- For a challenge (grades 4 and 5), ask for the proof sentence number on each question, or ask the child to retell the six timeline strips without looking.

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Match each word to its meaning. Write the letter.



Words to Know

1	shepherd		A a story told for many years that may not be true
2	raiders		B a story or custom that people share for many years
3	tradition		C a person who takes care of sheep
4	holy day		D a line of people, bands and floats that moves down a street
5	legend		E people who attack a place and carry off people or things
6	parade		F a special day for worship

+ Pick one word. Use it in a sentence.

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Read. Then highlight the proof.

2 Why March 17?



[1]March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day. [2]Long ago, people in Ireland chose this day to remember Patrick. [3]An old tradition says that Patrick died on March 17. [4]At first, it was a church holy day. [5]Over time, it became a day to celebrate Irish culture too. [6]In the 1800s, many Irish families moved to the United States. [7]They brought the holiday with them. [8]In 1762, Irish soldiers marched in a St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. [9]Today, people in many countries celebrate the day. [10]Dublin, the capital of Ireland, holds a big parade every year.

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Highlight it! Find the sentence that tells what an old tradition says about March 17.

Sentence number _____

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Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

1 Who Was Saint Patrick?



1. Where was Patrick born?

- ○ a. Ireland
- ○ b. Britain
- ○ c. Rome

2. What was Patrick's job in Ireland?

- ○ a. He was a shepherd.
- ○ b. He was a sailor.
- ○ c. He was a baker.

3. How do we know most about Patrick's life?

- ○ a. From a movie
- ○ b. From a song
- ○ c. From two letters he wrote

4. How old was Patrick when raiders took him to Ireland? Write the answer.

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Answer the questions. Look back in the passage.

3 Shamrocks, Green and Parades



9. How many leaves does a shamrock have?

- ○ a. Three
- ○ b. Four
- ○ c. Five

10. What is a legend?

- ○ a. A story that is always true
- ○ b. A news report
- ○ c. A story told for many years that may not be true

11. Why is Ireland called the Emerald Isle?

- ○ a. It has many gold coins
- ○ b. It has many green fields
- ○ c. It has many shamrock shops

12. What did Chicago do to its river in 1962? Write the answer.

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Glue the strips in time order. What happened first?

1 **First** glue the strip here

2 glue the strip here

3 glue the strip here

4 glue the strip here

5 glue the strip here

6 **Last** glue the strip here

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Read each one. Write F or L.



Fact or Legend?

F = fact
L = legend

A **fact** is true and people can check it. A **legend** is a story that may not be true. Look back at the passage to decide.

1. Patrick worked as a shepherd. ☐
2. Patrick chased all the snakes out of Ireland. ☐
3. Irish soldiers marched in New York City in 1762. ☐
4. Patrick held up a shamrock to explain his teaching. ☐
5. Patrick wrote two letters. ☐
6. Leprechauns hide pots of gold. ☐

+ Pick one legend. Write where it came from.

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Write about it. Draw it first.



Write one fact you learned about St. Patrick's Day. Tell why it matters.

Draw it here

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Answer Key: Part 3, Words, Timeline

Part 3 and its questions, then the word match and the timeline strips.

Part 3: Shamrocks, Green and Parades (pages 8 and 11)

Q	Kind	Answer	Proof sentence
9	Multiple choice	a. Three	1
10	Multiple choice	c. A story told for many years that may not be true	4
11	Multiple choice	b. It has many green fields	5
12	Short answer	It began dyeing the river green	10
+	Highlight	Leprechauns are make-believe little men from Irish folk tales, and the stories say they hide pots of gold.	8

Word Match (page 5)

#	Word	Letter
1	shepherd	C
2	raiders	E
3	tradition	B
4	holy day	F
5	legend	A
6	parade	D

Timeline in order (pages 12-13)

Box	Strip	What it says
1	D	Patrick lived more than 1,500 years ago.
2	F	At about 16, raiders took Patrick to Ireland.
3	A	Patrick escaped and went home.
4	E	Patrick went back to Ireland to teach.
5	B	In 1762, Irish soldiers marched in New York City.
6	C	In 1962, Chicago began dyeing its river green.

Where the legends are in part 3

- Sentence 3: a legend (the shamrock lesson). Sentence 6: a legend (the snakes). Sentence 7: experts say it is only a legend.
- Sentence 8: leprechauns are make-believe, from folk tales, not people from history.
- Sentences 1, 2, 5, 9 and 10 state facts.

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Reading Tracker

Write the date, then 1 for each question answered right (0 if not yet), then the total of 4. Write 1 under "Proof found" if the child highlighted the right sentence. A blank row means not tried yet, never wrong. The empty rows are for reading a part again.

Student _____ Teacher _____ School year _____

Part	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Of 4	Proof found	Notes
1 Who Was Saint Patrick?								
2 Why March 17?								
3 Shamrocks, Green and Parades								

Other sheet	Date	Right	Of	Notes
Word Match			6	
True or False			8	
Fact or Legend			6	
Strips in order			6	

What I notice

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Next step

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Sam's Tracker (Invented Student)

Sam P. is an invented student; nothing on this page describes a real child. The blank tracker is on page 21.

Part	Date	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Of 4	Proof found	Notes
1 Who Was Saint Patrick?	3/3	1	1	0	1	3	1	–
2 Why March 17?	3/4	1	0	1	0	2	0	Read it aloud first
3 Shamrocks, Green and Parades	3/6	1	1	1	1	4	1	–
2 Why March 17?	3/7	1	1	1	0	3	1	–
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Other sheet	Date	Right	Of	Notes
Word Match	3/3	5	6	–
True or False	3/5	6	8	–
Fact or Legend	3/6	5	6	–
Strips in order	3/6	4	6	–

How to read it

Sam P. read a part **4 times** (part 2 twice). Points are the 1s in a row: **12 of 16** possible, or **75.0 percent**. Sam found the proof sentence on **3 of 4** tries. On the other sheets Sam got **20 of 26**. Every number is a sum of the tables.

The family note this tracker would produce

"This week Sam read about the history of St. Patrick's Day and answered 12 of 16 questions right. At home, please read the family page together and ask where in the text the answer is."

PREVIEW

Reading at Home

Send this page home with a child, or hand it to a family at a conference.

Student _____ Week of _____

How to help at home, in three steps

- Read the text below together, pointing to each word.
- Let your child read it again alone. Help with a word by saying the sounds slowly, then the word.
- Ask the questions out loud. If the answer is not clear, find the sentence together. Stop while it is still going well.

A text to practice: the first five sentences of Who Was Saint Patrick?

Saint Patrick lived more than 1,500 years ago. He was not born in Ireland. He was born in Britain, a land the Romans ruled. When he was about 16, raiders took him far from home to Ireland. In Ireland, he worked as a shepherd and took care of sheep.



Try saying

- "Where was Saint Patrick born? Put your finger on the sentence that tells you."
- "How old was Patrick when raiders took him to Ireland? Where does it say that?"
- "Which story in the passage is a legend? How can you tell?"

Note from the teacher

Note from home

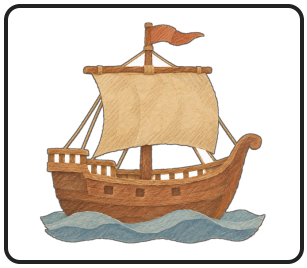
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Binder Cover and Spine

The cover and spine label for the folder that holds the student's sheets.

HISTORY OF ST PATRICKS DAY

Three passages, a 6-strip timeline and 12 questions









Student name _____

Teacher _____

School year _____

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Print the cover on card stock or paper and slide it into the binder front; fold the spine label around the edge.