



# St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17 March. In "[Who Was St Patrick?](http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day)" on the website [www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day](http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day) you can find information about the customs and traditions connected with St. Patrick's Day.

Read the information carefully and then complete the sentences below. The letters after the right answer will give you the name of a traditional symbol of St. Patrick's Day and Ireland when the letters are put in the right order. Good luck!

- 1 St. Patrick is the patron saint of  
Wales. (E)  
Ireland. (H)
  
- 2 St. Patrick was born  
in Britain. (O)  
in Ireland. (D)
  
- 3 His father was  
a deacon. (C)  
a shepherd. (L)
  
- 4 At the age of 16, Patrick  
became bishop of Ireland. (G)  
was taken prisoner. (S)
  
- 5 Patrick spent six years  
at his family's estate. (U)  
in captivity. (K)
  
- 6 Later, as a priest, Patrick  
converted Irish people to Christianity. (A)  
gave the Irish people religious training. (Y)
  
- 7 17 March is commemorated as St. Patrick's Day because  
Patrick was born on this day. (N)  
Patrick is believed to have died on this day. (R)
  
- 8 According to native Irish beliefs, fire was used  
to honour the Irish gods. (M)  
to illuminate Celtic crosses. (T)

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It is said that St. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Today it is one of the traditional symbols of St. Patrick's Day and of Ireland.