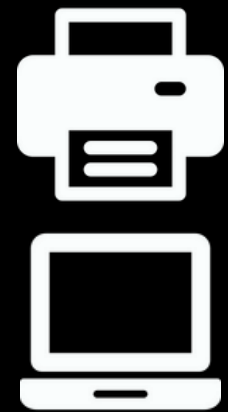


# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



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### St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs

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Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. Use the answers for each question to help you color the mystery picture.

**1<sup>st</sup> Read Questions**

1	According to the passage, which is NOT a tradition of St. Patrick's Day?	Wear, eat, and drink green	Search for a rainbow and then a pot of gold	Parades and festivals
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### St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs

**2<sup>nd</sup> Read Questions**

6	"...the shamrock is a prominent <u>icon</u> of St. Patrick's Day."	A person who is very successful	A widely known symbol	A small picture	LIGHT BLUE
7	What is the meaning of the word <u>icon</u> as used in the sentence above?				St. Patrick used the
8	"The popularity of parades grew over the years..."				
9	Which detail best supports the excerpt above?				
10	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?				

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
# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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# Passage 1-Fiction

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# Passage 2-Nonfiction

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## **St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs**

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First, the shamrock is a prominent icon of St. Patrick's Day. It is believed that St. Patrick used the shamrock in his sermons. He used the shamrock's three leaves to show the Holy Trinity. However, there is no official record that this is actually true. Still, the shamrock is an important symbol of St. Patrick's Day. Over time, it has become a symbol of pride for many Irish people.

Another icon of St. Patrick's Day is the leprechaun. The leprechaun is an Irish fairy. A leprechaun is an old man who is about two feet tall. He is dressed completely in green. He holds a large walking-type stick called a shillelagh. He uses it to bring fear to those who try to steal his gold. He spends most of his time alone. He is known to be very lucky. He hides a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. People often search for him in hopes of finding his gold. No one really knows how leprechauns became a St. Patrick's Day icon. Some people have wondered if it is because the creature wears green. There is no known connection between leprechauns and St. Patrick.

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## St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs ●

Patrick's Day celebration.

Parades and festivals are other common St. Patrick's Day events. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1762. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in Ireland wasn't until 1975. The popularity of parades grew over the years, and there are parades held all over the world.

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**Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs**

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# St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Customs

St. Patrick's Day, held every year on March 17, began as a religious feast day in Ireland during the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but it has since become a celebration of Irish culture. In fact, it is one of the most popular cultural events worldwide. There are a number of traditions upheld on St. Patrick's Day including parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole bunch of green. However, many people do not even know where these traditions began or how they came to be.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a prominent **icon** of St. Patrick's Day. It is a popular symbol used by \_\_\_\_\_ in his sermons. He used to wear a green \_\_\_\_\_.

For example, the shamrock is a prominent icon of St. Patrick's Day. It is a popular belief that St. Patrick used the shamrock as an object lesson in his sermons. He used the shamrock's three leaves to represent the Holy Trinity. However, there is no official documentation that this is actually true. With that being said, the shamrock is still an important symbol of St. Patrick's Day. Over time, it has become a symbol of pride of the heritage for many Irish people.

Another iconic figure of St. Patrick's Day is the leprechaun. The leprechaun is a Irish fairy. Typically, fairies are beautiful and elegant looking. The leprechaun, on the other hand, is an old man who is about two feet tall. He is dressed completely in green. In Irish fairy tales, he holds a large walking-type stick called a shillelagh, which he uses to elicit fear from those who try to steal his gold. He spends most of his time alone, searching for gold or making shoes. Rumor has it that he is very lucky and hides a gold at the end of a rainbow. Thus, people often search for him in hopes of finding gold or receiving luck. No one really knows how leprechauns became a St. Patrick icon. However, some people have speculated that because the creature wears green, it was naturally introduced to the celebrations. Despite all of this, there is no known connection between leprechauns and St. Patrick.

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**St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs Writing Prompt**

\_\_\_\_\_ included on a day to honor St. Patrick? Why or not?

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**St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs**

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

1st Read Questions			
1	According to the passage, which is NOT a St. Patrick's Day tradition?	Wear, eat, and drink green things	Search for a rainbow and then a leprechaun with your family
		RED	YELLOW

St. Patrick's Day Traditions & Beliefs			
		2nd Read Questions	
Which connection are you making?	6	"...the shamrock is a prominent <u>icon</u> of St. Patrick's Day."	A person who is very successful
		What is the meaning of the word <u>icon</u> as used in the sentence above?	GREEN
What is the <u>shillelagh</u> ?	7	"The popularity of parades grew over the years..."	"...it is a festive day to celebrate Irish culture."
		Which detail best supports the excerpt above?	PURPLE
What was the St. Patrick's Day tradition?	8	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?	Problem & Solution
			ORANGE
Which word best describes the place of the shamrock in Irish culture?	9	What do you think was the author's purpose of writing the passage?	Entertain
			YELLOW
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# Passage 3-Nonfiction

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## History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day happens every year on March 17. This date marks the death of St. Patrick. He was one of the most important saints of Ireland. The holiday started out as a religious one, but it has evolved, or changed, into a celebration of Irish culture.

The holiday was named after Patrick. There is very little accurate information known about what happened in Patrick's life. The Irish are known for creating detailed stories and exaggerating details. While some details might be true, others might not be factual. The following is one account of Patrick's life.

The real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish! He was born in Britain in the fourth century. His family was wealthy, and his father was a deacon in the Christian church. Patrick grew up going to church and knew the Bible well.

When Patrick was sixteen years old, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders that were attacking his family's home. Not long after that, he was sold into slavery. During this time, he worked as a shepherd. He tended to sheep in the countryside of Ireland. For the most part, he lived a solitary, or lonely, life and did not interact with people often.

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## History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day occurs annually on March 17. This date marks the death of St. Patrick, one of the most important saints and patrons of Ireland. Originally, the day was a religious holiday, but it has more recently evolved into a celebration of Irish culture.

St. Patrick's Day is rooted in the life of St. Patrick. He was a Christian missionary who came to Ireland. The Irish are known for creating detailed stories and legends about him. Thus, there is very little accurate information known about what actually happened in St. Patrick's life. While some details might be true, others might be false. The following is one account of St. Patrick's life.

St. Patrick was not a real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish! He was born in Britain in the fourth century. His father was quite wealthy, and his father was a deacon in the Christian church. As he grew up going to church and knew the Bible well.

When St. Patrick was sixteen years old, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders that were looking for slaves for their family's home. Shortly afterwards, he was sold into slavery to an Irishman and worked as a shepherd. He tended to the sheep for six years. When he lived as a shepherd, he learned to speak the Irish language.

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The real St. Patrick wasn't even Irish! He was born in Britain in the fourth century. His family was quite wealthy, and his father was a deacon in the Christian church. As a result, Patrick grew up going to church and was well versed in the Bible.

When Patrick was sixteen years old, he was abducted by Irish raiders that were attacking his family's home. Shortly afterwards, he was sold into slavery. For six years he worked as a shepherd and tended to sheep in the countryside of Ireland. For the most part, he lived a solitary life and did not interact with people very often.

According to legends about the saint, he later escaped slavery by running to the coast and boarding a ship headed for Britain. After safely arriving back home, he embarked on a journey to become a priest. He then returned to Ireland as a missionary, hoping to introduce Christianity to the Irish. Many people were impacted and decided to become Christians.

It wasn't until centuries later that St. Patrick's Day became a public holiday.

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# History of St. Patrick's Day Writing Prompt

Based on the information in the passage, do you think that Irish people all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the same way? Why or why not? Use details from the passage to support your response.

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## History of St. Patrick's Day

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Read Questions

<b>1</b>	<p>Read the following sentence from the passage.</p> <p>"For the most part, he lived a <b>solitary</b> life and did not interact with people very often."</p>	Lonely	Together	Distant
	<p>Which is the best synonym for the word <b>solitary</b> as used in the passage?</p>	<b>BROWN</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>WHITE</b>

		History of St. Patrick's Day	
		2nd Read Questions	
2	As used in the meaning	6	<p>St. Patrick's Day has become a day to celebrate Irish traditions.</p> <p>Which detail supports the statement above?</p> <p>People enjoy parades, festivals, and traditional Irish culture.</p>
3	Which of the most	7	<p>Which of the following text structures is this passage written in?</p> <p>Sequence/ Chronological Order</p>
4	Which best of the date celebrate	8	<p>Which best states the meaning of the word <u>commercialized</u> as used in the passage?</p> <p>To gain exposure through commercial</p>
5	Which statement of the connection of St. Patrick's that it was	9	<p>Which of the following is a generalization made about the Irish?</p> <p>"The Patrick's Day is even Irish!"</p>

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No matter how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated and which traditions are upheld, it is a festive day to celebrate Irish culture.



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age, what is on why thinks that a trickster?	He actually found a leprechaun once before, and it was a trickster.	He based it off of what he knew about leprechauns from books and movies.	All leprechauns are known tricksters.
Following sentence the passage.	the pack into his arms, stashed farther down the trail to a clearing."	Clearing your throat before singing can help you sound better.	Lisa ends up clearing the plates after dinner every night.
Which sentence uses the word <u>clearing</u> in the same way as the sentence above?	1st Person	2nd Person	3rd Person
Which point of view is this passage told in?	WHITE	RED	PEACH
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