

HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

READING COMPREHENSION & DIGITAL GAME

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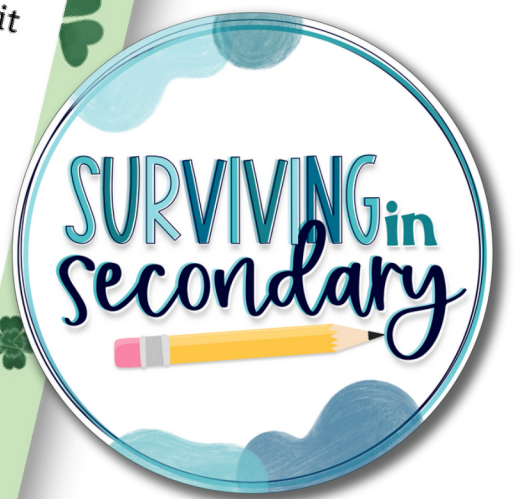
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St. Patrick's Day — also called St. Patty's Day or St. Paddy's Day — is celebrated annually on March 17th. The holiday honors St. Patrick, who, according to legend, was captured by Irish raiders as a young boy and later became a missionary in Ireland. While the historical accuracy of some tales about St. Patrick is debated, his role as a symbol of Irish culture and the spread of Christianity is well-established.

A popular myth surrounding St. Patrick is the claim that he banished snakes from Ireland. However, Ireland never had snakes to begin with, and this tale is symbolic of St. Patrick's efforts to convert the Irish people to Christianity. The myths, St. Patrick's impact on Irish history is significant, and his legacy has evolved into a celebration that bridges the gap between ancient and modern traditions.

St. Patrick's Day was observed as a religious feast day, but today it is a global celebration of Irish heritage. Parades, featuring lively dances, and a sea of green attire, are a hallmark of the modern celebration. Wearing green is expected on St. Patrick's Day, and many follow the tradition that if you do not dress accordingly, you will be pinched! Festive food is frequently served on the holiday. For those wanting a sweet treat, corned beef and cabbage are often available. Contrary to their name, these are not — instead, they are coconut cream candies covered in

full of fun traditions for kids, as well. One beloved tradition is the creation of leprechaun traps. These imaginative devices are designed to capture sneaky leprechauns, mischievous beings known for hiding their pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. The main elusive, the excitement of the celebration. In addition,



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