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St. Patrick's Day
Trivia
Questions

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Trivia Questions About Patrick's Life

1. **Question: When was the most likely time period in which Patrick lived? Answer: In the Fourth to Fifth Centuries A.D.**
2. **True or False: Patrick was born in Ireland. Answer: False. He was probably born along the western coast of Britain (what's now known as England or Scotland).**
3. **What was the name of Patrick's father? Answer: Calpornius**
4. **True or False: Patrick grew up in a wealthy family. Answer: True. His father owned an estate and may have been a Senator and tax collector.**
5. **Question: Britain was a part of what empire during Patrick's life? Answer: The Roman Empire. Rome ruled Britain (known as Roman Britain) from 43 A.D. until the early 5th Century.**
6. **How did Patrick end up in Ireland? Answer: He was kidnapped from his home by Irish raiders and sold into slavery.**
7. **Question: How old was Patrick when he was taken captive? Answer: About 16.**
8. **Question: How long was Patrick held in captivity? Answer: Six years.**



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9. Question: Did Patrick consider himself a Christian before he was kidnapped? Answer: No. In his Confession, he writes, "I did not know the true God" before that time, and that he was converted while in captivity.

10. Question: What type of work did Patrick do during his captivity? Answer: He was a shepherd.

11. Question: How many times a day did Patrick write that he prayed in a single day while in slavery? Answer: Up to 100 times daily.

12. Question: What led Patrick to return to Ireland after escaping captivity? Answer: He had a vision of a man asking him to return as a Christian missionary.

13. Question: What was Patrick's role in the Irish Christian Church? Answer: He is believed to have been the first Bishop of Ireland.

14. Question: Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th? Answer: This is the day he is believed to have died, although this is not confirmed.

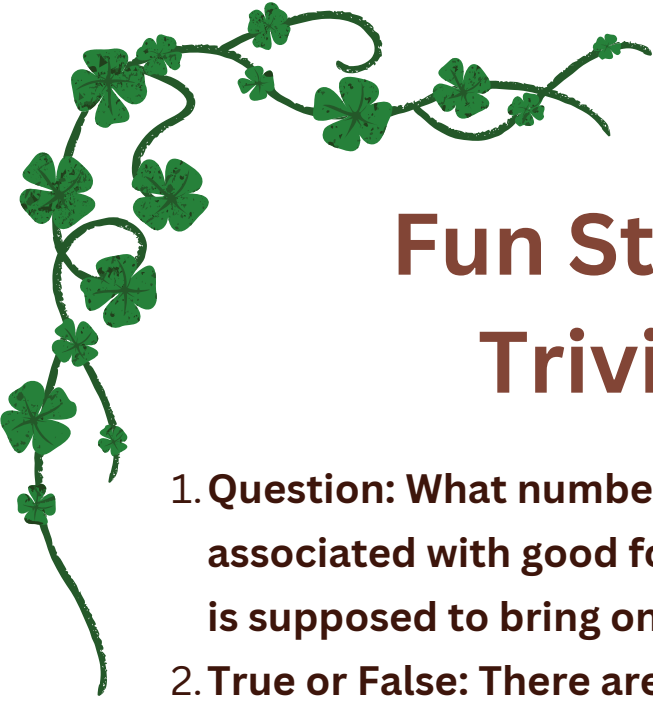
15. Question: Where is Patrick's burial place commonly held to be? Answer: He may have been buried at Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland.

16. True or False: Patrick was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. Answer: False



Trivia Questions About St. Patrick Legends

- 1. Question: Legend has it that St. Patrick drove what animal out of Ireland? Answer: Snakes**
- 2. Question: According to legend, what was the occupation of the person Patrick visited and reprimanded for not being generous? Answer: An innkeeper**
- 3. Question: What is the meaning behind the practice of "drowning the shamrock" on St. Patrick's Day? Answer: Legend has it that Patrick rebuked a stingy innkeeper, and said a demon in her cellar was being emboldened by her wrongdoing. The innkeeper later changed her ways and started serving generous amounts of whiskey to guests of the inn, which caused the demon to flee. Patrick supposedly commended the innkeeper for her generosity and advised that whiskey should be consumed to commemorate this event.**
- 4. Question: Why is St. Patrick's Day associated with shamrocks (3-leaf clovers)? Answer: Another legend connected to Patrick is that he used the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The Trinity refers to the teaching of the Bible that there is one God who exists in three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost). Patrick is said to have used a three-leaf clover to teach people about the Trinity.**
- 5. Question: According to legend, what were the two Irish groups known as Uí Néill and the Airgíalla fighting over? Answer: They fought over the dead body of St. Patrick, but eventually came to peace and laid his corpse in Downpatrick.**
- 6. Question: Legend has it that Patrick spent 40 days on a mountaintop doing what? Answer: According to the story, Patrick fasted for 40 days while battling demons.**
- 7. Question: What is the name of the pagan chieftain who at first refused to give permission for Patrick to build a church building at Armagh?**
- 8. Answer: Legend states that the chieftain's name was Dáire and that he yielded to Patrick's wishes after being healed by Patrick.**



Fun St. Patrick's Day Trivia Questions

1. Question: What number of leaves on a clover is traditionally associated with good fortune? Answer: Finding a four-leaf clover is supposed to bring one good luck.
2. True or False: There are 13 towns or cities in the U.S. named Shamrock. Answer: True
3. Question: Why is Ireland known as "the emerald isle"? Answer: The country is well known for all of its green fields and green hills.
4. Question: Where was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held? Answer: The first St. Patrick's Day parade was reportedly held in St. Augustine, Florida. Florida at the time was a Spanish colony under the authority of a clergyman from Ireland.
5. Question: When was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held? Answer: The first St. Patrick's Day parade is believed to have been held in the year 1601.
6. Question: When did St. Patrick's Day become an official public holiday in Ireland? Answer: In 1903.
7. Question: What color was worn by the knights in the Order of St. Patrick? Answer: Blue
8. Question: Which American city claims to have had the first St. Patrick's Day celebration? Answer: Boston, in 1737
9. Question: What is considered to be the oldest St. Patrick's Day parade in the entire world? Answer: The Saint Patrick's Day parade in New York City is thought to be the oldest, having started in 1762.



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10. True or False: Cabbage and corned beef are traditional Irish dishes. Answer: False. These dishes originated with Irish immigrants to the United States.

11. Question: What is considered the national flower of Ireland?

Answer: The unofficial national flower of Ireland is the shamrock, which is actually a plant and not a flower.

12. Question: What does the phrase Erin go Bragh (pronounced ERR-in gə BRAH) mean? Answer: Ireland Forever

13. Question: What is the highest number of leaves ever found on an individual clover stem? Answer: 56, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. It was found in Japan.

14. Question: What city adds green vegetable dye coloring to its river every year on St. Patrick's Day? Answer: Chicago

15. Question: What is the name of the historic site attraction at an Irish castle that is reported to provide "the gift of the gab" (eloquence) when kissed? Answer: The Blarney Stone

16. Question: What is the name of the mythological creatures of Irish and Celtic mythology who are said to be mischievous and mistrust humans? Answer: Leprechauns

17. Question: According to lore associated with leprechauns, what do they hide at the end of every rainbow? Answer: A pot of gold



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18. Question: What U.S. President delivered a speech in 1954 at a St. Patrick's Day dinner in New York City while he was still a Senator? Answer: John F. Kennedy

19. Question: What is the capital city of Ireland? Answer: Dublin

20. Question: How long does Dublin's St. Patrick's Day celebration last? Answer: Four days

21. Question: St. Patrick's Day is celebrated during what 40-day Christian period leading up to Easter? Answer: Lent

22. Question: What is the name of the traditional Irish potato pancake? Answer: Boxty

