

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

St. Patrick's Day
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Directions:

Use what you know about *St. Patrick's Day* to answer each of the following questions.

1. What is the main reason St. Patrick's Day is celebrated?

- A We celebrate that day to see how many people will wear green.
- B It is to honor St. Patrick who was loved by the people of Ireland.
- C Clovers are a sign that it is springtime.
- D St. Patrick and the leprechauns made all the snakes disappear from Ireland.

2. What key detail supports the idea that the people of Ireland loved Bishop Patrick?

- A He knew how to tend sheep.
- B He was a slave, but came back to Ireland to teach them about God.
- C He was kind and trustworthy, and after he died, they helped make him a Saint.
- D His real name was probably Maewyn.

3. What was the result of St. Patrick receiving a holiday in his honor?

- A People wear green and use shamrocks for decoration.
- B For some, it is a special day at church.
- C There are parades and parties.
- D All of the above answers

4. Based on the text, what is a "sprig of shillelagh?" (RI.3.4)

- A A short, oak club from the Shillelagh forest in Ireland
- B A four-leaf clover from Shillelagh
- C The old Irish word for Leprechaun
- D A special Irish jig performed at St. Patrick's Day

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5. If you wanted to know more about the history of St. Patrick's Day, which keywords would NOT help you find more information during an online search? (RI.3.5)

- A patron saint of Ireland
- B legends of St. Patrick
- C history of the harp
- D Irish holidays

6. Why does the author include facts and legends about St. Patrick? (RI.3.6)

- A She believes St. Patrick was a magical person.
- B She doesn't know what to believe about St. Patrick.
- C All of it happened, so she wants you to know the truth.
- D She wants you to see the difference between real and possibly made-up information.

7. Where and when did the real Bishop Patrick live? (RI.3.7)

- A He lived in Britain, France, and Ireland in the years 380-461.
- B He grew up in Ireland a long time ago.
- C March 17 every year
- D He didn't really live – his story is a legend.

8. What is the author's message in *St. Patrick's Day*? (RI.3.8)

- A If you don't wear green, you might get pinched or tickled on St. Patrick's Day.
- B St. Patrick lived long ago, and is the reason we celebrate each March 17.
- C If you catch a leprechaun, you can get his pot of gold!
- D St. Patrick is a made-up person giving us a reason to have fun on March 17.

9. What is the difference between the presented facts and the legends at the end of the book? (RI.3.9)

- A The facts have dates, but no one is sure exactly when the legends happened.
- B The legends have proof, but the facts are just the author's opinion.
- C The facts have proof, but the legends are stories that can't be proven.
- D The facts are much more interesting than the legends.

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Answer Key

