

# The History of St. Patrick's Day Reading & Math Mystery Pictures Activity Set

This drag-and-drop, Google Slides activity allows students to read informational text about the life of Saint Patrick and how his legacy has transformed into what we know today as St. Patrick's Day.

Then your students will answer reading questions based on that text + solve the following math questions:

- adding fractions with unlike denominators
- solving number patterns

## Student Directions

St. Patrick's Day is a fun holiday filled with interesting traditions.

All the details about this holiday are shown on different slides, but there's a catch: each picture has been broken apart and is now a

mystery! 

You will use math and language arts skills to reveal each mystery picture.

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# Example Slides

## St. Patrick's Day Mystery Pictures

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Drag the correct answer to each question to reveal the mystery picture.

Students must answer the reading comprehension + math questions correctly to solve the Mystery Pictures.

Where was Saint Patrick born?

What is another word for "urge?"

What is a shamrock?

Where was Saint Patrick taken when he was 16 years old?

What does the "St." stand for with this holiday?

A three-leaf clover

Desire

Saint

Britain

Ireland

Click [here](#) to see the answer.

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$2/12 + 4/6$	$4/8 + 1/4$	$3/5 + 2/10$	$1/3 + 3/9$
$1/14 + 2/7 + 1/7$	$1/5 + 2/10$	$4/14 + 1/7$	$1/2 + 1/10$
$1/3 + 2/5$	$1/2 + 1/5$	$1/5 + 1/4$	$1/3 + 1/4$
$1/2 + 2/5$	$1/2 + 2/4$	$1/3 + 3/5$	$1/3 + 1/5$

$1/2$	$9/10$	$3/4$	$7/10$
$9/20$	$5/6$	$2/5$	$8/15$
$11/15$	1	$7/12$	$4/5$
$14/15$	$3/7$	$2/3$	$3/5$

## Who is Saint Patrick?

Every year on March 17<sup>th</sup>, people all over the world wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. **But who is Saint (St.) Patrick and why is there a day named after him?** Well, Patrick was indeed a real person who was born in Britain. When he was 16 years old, he was kidnapped and sold as a slave in Ireland. Since he grew up in a Christian home, he continued praying and talking about his Christian beliefs while he was in Ireland.

Even though Patrick escaped slavery and went back to Britain, he felt a strong urge and desire to return to Ireland as a missionary priest. He wanted to keep telling Irish people about God.

When he returned, he used a shamrock--a three leaf clover--to help people understand his message about God. **Does this mean he always wore green?** Definitely not! In fact, there are many myths attached to St. Patrick's day that actually have nothing to do with the real Saint Patrick!

3 Nonfiction Reading Comprehension Slides

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# You can edit this resource!

You can edit the questions and answers on each mystery picture slide. Right click any wording you want to change, then click "Ungroup," and type your new text. Any changes you make, be sure to make the same changes on the Answer Key slides.



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Drag the correct answer to each question to reveal the mystery picture.

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Where was Saint Patrick born?
What is another word for "urge"?
What is a shamrock?
Where was Saint Patrick taken when he was 16 years old?
What does the "St." stand for with this holiday?



Here are the parts of this resource that cannot be changed:

- the mystery pictures
- the informational reading texts
- the backgrounds

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# Example Answer Key Slides

**NEXT**

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Drag the correct answer to each question to reveal the mystery picture.



30  
20  
-6  
51, 63  
-15, -9  
8  
36  
0  
1, 5  
12

A dog wearing a green leprechaun hat is the mystery picture. The background is decorated with green shamrocks.

Embedded links make transitions easier for students.

Click [here](#) for the next one!

## St. Patrick's Day Mystery Pictures

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Drag the correct answer to each question to reveal the mystery picture.



Britain  
Desire  
A three-leaf clover  
Ireland  
Saint

A pot of gold with a rainbow and a leprechaun hat is the mystery picture. The background is decorated with green shamrocks.

# Important Details to Know

- There are 3 reading comprehension slides.
- Questions & answers on each slide are editable.
- There are 5 mystery pictures to solve: 3 of them are based on reading, the other 2 are math related.
- There are 44 total questions for students.
- This resource was designed for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Click [here](#) to see the answer.

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Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th?	What does "perish" mean?	 To die	 He was a missionary priest.
Based on tradition, what do people do to you if you're not wearing green?	What did St. Patrick do while he lived in Ireland?	 They pinch you.	 Saint Patrick perished on this day.



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