

# Non-Fiction Article

{St. Patrick's Day}



## 2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources



# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Lesson Plan
- Teacher Instructions
- Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- Non-fiction article (with and without photos)
- 3 Post reading activities
  - ✓ Comprehension questions
  - ✓ Grammar questions
  - ✓ Long response writing

# EXAMPLE PAGES

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY



**Parades**  
On March 17, 1762 the first parade for St. Patrick's Day was held in the United States. In the parade, Irish soldiers who had served in the English army walked proudly. Throughout the next 35 years, Americans became devoted to the Irish culture and created Irish aid groups such as the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, and the Hibernian Society.

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## SAMPLE ANSWERS

What two symbols are used to represent St. Patrick's Day?  
The shamrock and bagpipes

What does Chicago do to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?  
Chicago's annual tradition to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to dye their Chicago River green.

Explain how this tradition began.  
Chicago's annual tradition to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to dye their Chicago River green. This tradition began in 1962. City pollution workers would use dyes to find illegal sewage discharges and decided one day that a green dye would be a unique way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

How did the tradition of St. Patrick's Day come to North America?  
St. Patrick's Day came to North America when in the mid 1800's a great famine occurred in Ireland and almost 1 million Irish immigrants came to the United States looking for a better life. These immigrants brought their cultural traditions to their new cities and these celebrations become a part of North American traditions.

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## ARTICLE QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

4. Which sentence has the correct spelling and punctuation?

- St. Patrick was born in roman, Britain.
- St. patrick was born in Roman, britain.
- St. Patrick was born in Roman, Britain.
- St Patrick was born in Roman Britain.

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