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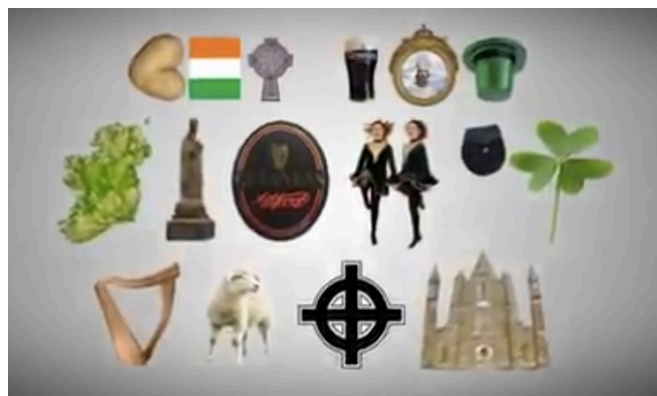### 1. Give some information :

People *Millions of people*

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Saint Patrick's Day

Place *Around the world*

Date *March 17th*

2. Comment on the symbols :

A potato, the Irish flag, a Celtic cross, Guinness Irish beer, Saint Patrick's portrait, a hat, map of Ireland, statue, Guinness label, Irish dancers, a clover/ a shamrock, a Celtic harp, a sheep, a cross and a castle

3. <u>Saint Patrick's story (7 details about his life)</u>

He was not Irish
He was born in Britain
At 16 he was kidnapped
He spent 6 years in captivity
Converted to Christianity
Was a Christian missionary
Died on March 17th 461

4. <u>The myth</u>

Explain : *Got the snakes out of Ireland*
Meaning : *No more paganism (snake as a symbol)*
Problem : *there were no snakes in Ireland ; too cold*
Another story : *shamrock represents the Holy trinity ; Father-Son-Spirit*

The tradition : *to wear a shamrock › green clothes today*

Plants mentioned : *3-leaf plant (wood sorrel / white & yellow clover)*

5. <u>Parades</u>

Place : *America*
Date : *1840's*
Details : *hundreds of thousands of immgrants went to NY, Boston after the Great Potato Famine in Ireland*
First parade in 1762

Today : *NY, largest & longest parade*
200 000 participants
3 000 000 spectators

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