**Saint Patrick !**

On March 17th, we celebrate **the patron saint of Ireland** as it’s the day he supposedly died but **Maewyn Succat** who was to become Saint Patrick was not even Irish. **He was born in Great Britain**. More than 1500 years ago, he was kidnapped at the age of sixteen by Irish raiders and he has remained a shepherd slave for six years until he found a way to escape. Back in Britain, he became **a priest and took the name Patrick**. After he had a vision, he decided to return to Ireland in 432.

According to the legend, Patrick chased out all the snakes out of Ireland. This is seen as a metaphor for converting the Irish from paganism to Christianity. As to the **Leprechauns**, they are elves that surround the**Irish folklore**. These figures are often represented with**a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow**.

The tradition of celebrating with **parades** started in the United States. The first parade took place in Boston in 1737. With the Potato Famine in the 1840’s, a million Irish people immigrated to New York in the span of ten years. Thus, the parade going up the 5th avenue became a demonstration of Irish pride in the city and the largest Saint Patrick’s Day parade in history.



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4. Pourquoi de nombreux Irlandais ont-ils quitté l’Irlande pour aller aux Etats-Unis ?

5. De nos jours,que se passe-il à New-York le jour de la Saint Patrick ?

* **Merci de répondre à ces questions en français et de me les déposer sur le Padlet !**

