



Let's celebrate St Patrick's Day !



[→ Je découvre la civilisation des pays anglophones .]

Le 17 mars , les Irlandais fêtent la Saint Patrick pour honorer le missionnaire qui a converti l'Irlande au christianisme. Que dirais-tu de partir à la découverte de l'Irlande et de cette grande fête ?

Let's enjoy the Craic ! [let's have some fun !] IRISH SYMBOLS



STEP 1

- je peux comprendre un texte simple sur les symboles de l'Irlande
- je peux repérer les informations principales .



Marion is telling you about Irish symbols

I come from **Ireland**. It's a small country in the west of Europe. It's just next to **the United Kingdom**.

The **Irish flag** has three colors: green, white and orange. You often see the Irish flag above important buildings like the government building, or the town hall.

One of the most important symbols of Ireland is the **shamrock**. The shamrock is a small green plant with three leaves, so the shamrock looks like a four leaf **clover**, but it only has three leaves, and they look like three hearts joined together.

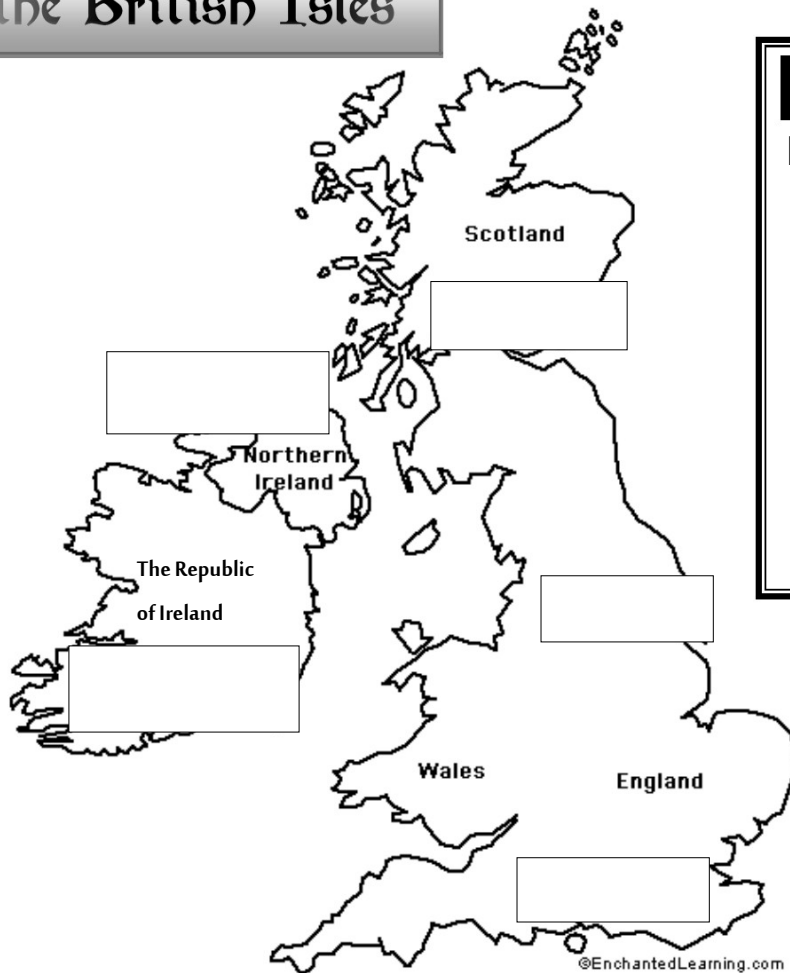
In Ireland, the countryside is very beautiful. We have lots of **lakes, mountains, beaches, and cliffs** along the west coast, especially. Some of these cliffs are among the highest in Europe.

All around Ireland you can see lots of **castles**. We have a very long history in Ireland and there are many castles all over. Sometimes people still live in these castles. Sometimes, they are only for tourists to visit.



1 - **READ** paragraph 1 and **WRITE in the rectangles** green for the Republic of Ireland and blue for the United Kingdom. **COMPLETE** the names of the countries forming the United Kingdom

the British Isles



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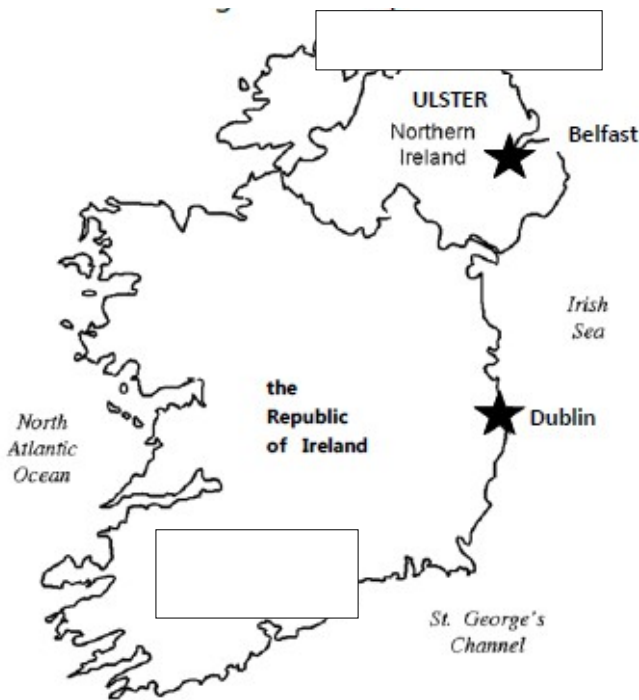
2 - LABEL the pictures about the symbols of Ireland .



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3 – WRITE green for the Republic of Ireland and orange for Northern Ireland .



The Island of Ireland

The Island of Ireland is divided in 2 parts :

- **Northern Ireland** is part of the United Kingdom . It is **protestant**.
- **The Republic of Ireland** is independent and it is **catholic**.

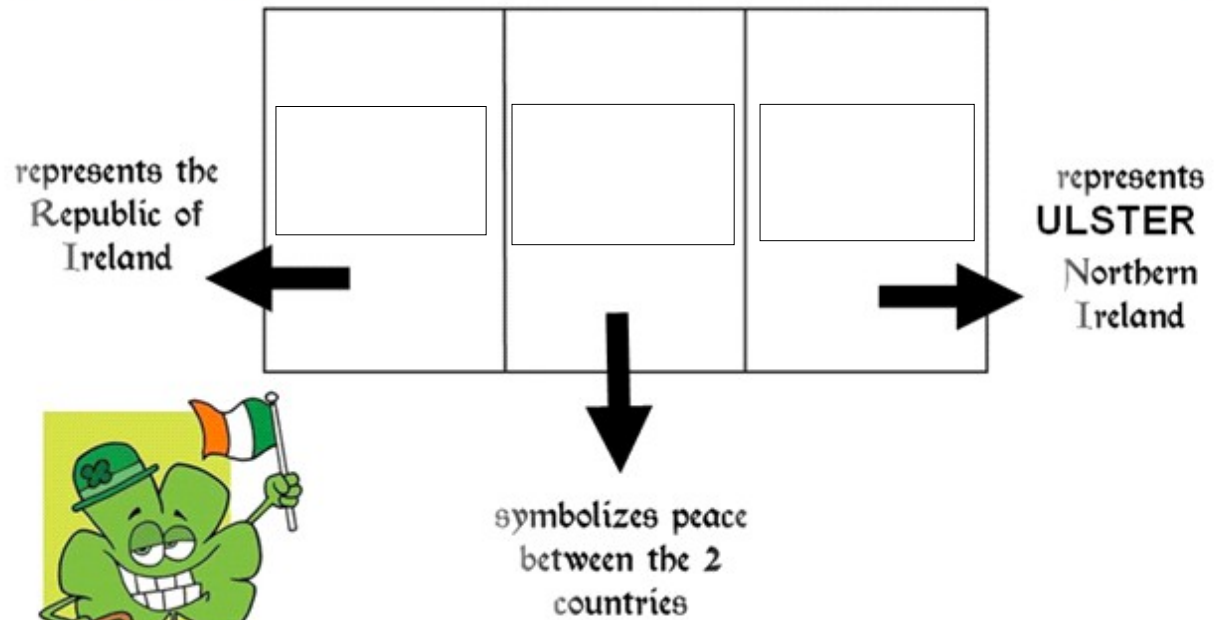
4 - **LOOK** at the map and **PICK OUT** information

→ The **capital city** of Northern Ireland is

→ The **capital city** of the Republic of Ireland is



5 - **WRITE** the correct color in the flag of the Republic of Ireland



STEP 2

Saint Patrick's festival

St Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland and Irish people wear * green clothes on March 17th. Even their cookies are green on that day. It is also ** celebrated in New York where many Irish immigrants arrived in the 19th century *** . For the occasion, the Hudson River is dyed **** green.

(*)(to) wear : porter (**)also : aussi (***) century : siècle (****) (to) dye : teindre

→ **RIGHT** (vrai) or **WRONG** (faux)? Justifie par une citation!

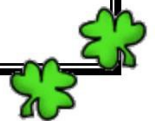
a) St Patrick's Day is only celebrated in Ireland.

b) For St Patrick's Day people wear yellow clothes

c) St Patrick's Day is on March 19th

d) In New York, The Hudson River is dyed green

A Dublin , les célébrations de la **ST Patrick** durent **5** jours . Plusieurs événements sont organisés dans les rues et dans les pubs : des danses folkloriques irlandaises , des défilés costumés , des chasses au trésor , des théâtres et des chants de rue . Lors de ces défilés on peut apercevoir des **LEPRECHAUNS** , ces petits personnages légendaires très farceurs .



→**READ** the text .

LEPRECHAUNS are a type of fairy in the Irish folklore. There are only male Leprechauns, no female. Leprechauns are shoemakers. They are very mischievous* because they hide** gold coins in a pot at the end of a rainbow.

***mischievous**: espiègle , farçeur ** **(to) hide** : cacher



→**LABEL** the pictures with the underlined words.



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→ **EXPLAIN in French** what you have understood.

STEP 3

The story of Saint Patrick

→ **READ** the story



A long time ago,
there was a priest
called Patrick



There were many
snakes in Ireland and
the Irish people were
scared of them

A priest: un prêtre

Scared: effrayé



So, Patrick took a
drum and played it
loudly and all the
snakes went away



The Irish people were
so happy that they
called Patrick a
"Saint". Today, you
can't find any snakes
in Ireland.

Loudly: très fort (son) **(to) go away:** s'enfuir, partir

(to) find: trouver

→ **EXPLAIN in French** what you have understood.

