St Patrick

Patron Saint of Ireland, he is considered the evangelizer and the founder of Irish Christianity.

From his real name Maewyn Succat, he was born around 386 in island Brittany in an unidenti-

fied locality …… your choice, Carlisle in Wales, in Devon or Cumberland.

He is kidnapped by pirates and sold as a slave in Ireland.

He escapes and returns to England where he becomes a priest.

He went on a mission to Ireland in 432 and began to convert Irish Celtic pagans.

His destiny is to bring Christianity and free Ireland from serpents.

The snakes ? A metaphor to represent the paganism that reigns on Irish soil.

In Ireland, he established several churches, schools and monasteries of which the shamrock is

the emblem.

On March 17, 461, he died at Down.

This March 17 has become a religious holiday in Ireland for 1500 years.

The Clover ? St Patrick uses the clover to explain the Holy Trinity to local people: the 3

leaves representing God, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

1798: Irish Revolution (one of the revolutions)

Clover and the color green have become symbols of nationalism.