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Lesson Plan

St. Patrick's Day Fill-in-the-Blanks

Lesson Plan for *St. Patrick's Day*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students practice determining the meaning of words in a text and using those words in sentences.

Things Needed

- *St. Patrick's Day* book
- Whiteboard

Before the Activity

Write the following words on the whiteboard to create a word bank: *anniversary, discrimination, heritage, parade, religion, shamrock*. Then write the following list of fill-in-the-blank sentences:

- _____ is the unfair treatment of someone because of how they look or where they are from.
- St. Patrick used a _____ in his teachings about Christianity.
- To celebrate their _____, Irish people might wave the Irish flag or learn Irish Dance.
- St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the _____ of St. Patrick's death.
- St. Patrick taught the _____ of Christianity to Irish people.
- _____ is the personal history passed down through families and groups of people.
- A _____ is a community event in which marching bands and other groups walk down a street and perform.
- Many Irish people faced _____ when they first came to the United States.
- A _____ is a set of beliefs.
- One way people celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to watch or march in a _____.
- A _____ is a leaf that is divided into three parts.



Activity

Read *St. Patrick's Day* out loud to students. Explain that the sentences on the whiteboard are missing vocabulary words from the book. All the answers appear in the word bank on the whiteboard, but some answers may be used more than once.

Read the sentences out loud, one at a time. If students think they know the answer, they should raise their hand. You will choose one student to come up to the whiteboard and copy the word into the blank. Repeat until the students have filled in all the blanks.

Evaluation

Use the answer key to check students' work.

Answer Key

- **Discrimination** is the unfair treatment of someone because of how they look or where they are from. (p. 23)
- St. Patrick used a **shamrock** in his teachings about Christianity. (p. 21)
- To celebrate their **heritage**, Irish people might wave the Irish flag or learn Irish Dance. (p. 4)
- St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the **anniversary** of St. Patrick's death. (p. 11)
- St. Patrick taught the **religion** of Christianity to Irish people. (p. 8)
- **Heritage** is the personal history passed down through families and groups of people. (p. 23)
- A **parade** is a community event in which marching bands and other groups walk down a street and perform. (p. 23)
- Many Irish people faced **discrimination** when they first came to the United States. (p. 14)
- A **religion** is a set of beliefs. (p. 23)
- One way people celebrate St. Patrick's Day is to watch or march in a **parade**. (p. 18)
- A **shamrock** is a leaf that is divided into three parts. (p. 23)

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.4).

