

Who am I? How do you know?

- I am a small plant.
- I have four leaves.
- Green is my color.
- If you find me, you will have good luck.

Who Am I? Riddle

St. Patrick's Day
Review Booklet



Name: _____

Date: _____

Point of View

My roommates banged on the door again. They wanted me to come to the awesome St. Patrick's Day Festival out on the quad. It had bands, dancing, and even Irish films...all of my favorite things! I was so tempted, but then I looked up at my last government exam – a D – tacked to my bulletin board.

Is the story 1st person or 3rd person point of view?

Infer who you think the narrator is.

Main Idea

The first New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in 1764. Yes, that was 14 years before the Declaration of Independence was even signed! Now, over 250 years later, it's one of the city's main annual celebrations. Each year, several hundred thousand marchers take part. Several hundred million people line the streets to watch.

Determine the main idea.

Making Inferences

Every St. Patrick's Day, Dewayne was first in line for the Irish milkshakes at O'Brien's Diner. They were thick green milkshakes that were made with mint ice cream and green dye. He loved them, but O'Brien's only sold them once a year. Later in the day on one particular St. Patrick's Day, Dewayne was laying on his sofa. He was moaning, and there were five empty cups in the rubbish bin across the room.

What can you infer about Dewayne based on the details in the text?

Figurative Language

The children's shirts were a sea of green on St. Patrick's Day.

Does the above sentence contain a simile or a metaphor? How do you know?

What is the meaning of the sentence?

Author's Main Point

Our city's St. Patrick's Day Festival is an important cultural event. It offers Irish food, music, and dancing for the whole family. Unfortunately, the holiday often falls on a weekday. This robs local youth of the chance to participate. If students were allowed to attend, the day could certainly be made up at the end of the year. Schools should be closed to allow students to participate in the fun.

What is the author's main point?

Context Clues

Maria approached the stage with **trepidation**. She had been practicing her Irish step dancing for months, but this was her first real performance. It was also St. Patrick's Day! No pressure, right? Maria could feel her toes tingling and the sweat beading on her forehead. Finally, she was at the steps and took a deep, unsteady breath.

Use context clues to determine the meaning of the underlined word.

EXAMPLE ANSWERS

Main Idea: The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade is a very old and popular American parade.

Figurative Language: It contains a metaphor. It means that there were a lot of children wearing green shirts.

Context Clues: fear, anxiety, nervousness

Who Am I? Riddle: a four-leaf clover; shamrock

Point of View: It is 1st person point of view. The narrator is a college student who needs to study to improve his or her grades.

Making Inferences: Dewayne drank too many milkshakes.

Author's Main Point: In this particular city, there should be no school on St. Patrick's Day.

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