

Answers

1. What is 'Confessio'? Tick one.

- ☐ the name of a place in Ireland
- ☐ the name of the ship on which Saint Patrick escaped
- ☐ the name of Saint Patrick's grandfather
- ☒ **the name of the book written by Saint Patrick**

2. '...during the latter half of the fifth century'

In this sentence, which word could the author have used instead of latter? Tick one.

- ☐ beginning
- ☐ middle
- ☒ **second**
- ☐ whole

3. Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that many scholars believe the same ideas about Saint Patrick's childhood.

Accept 'it is broadly agreed that'

4. 'After many studious years...' How else could the author have written this phrase?

Accept any suitable alternative to the above phrase, such as: after studying for many years; after learning for a long time.

5. Where did Saint Patrick happen upon the herd of boar?

Saint Patrick happened upon the herd of boar in the undergrowth.

6. 'Saint Patrick would have reached the port easily.' Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: No, I don't think Saint Patrick would have reached the port easily because he would have had to travel 200 miles on foot and that is a long way.

7. If you were the captain, would you have agreed to let Saint Patrick aboard? Explain why.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I would have let Saint Patrick aboard because it would have been clear that he had been poorly treated and needed to escape.

8. Give two reasons why Saint Patrick may have used the shamrock to symbolise the Holy Trinity.

Saint Patrick may have used the shamrock because it had three leaves and there were three parts of the Holy Trinity and he wanted to use something the Irish were already familiar with as a basis for his teaching.

9. Explain why Saint Patrick's return to Ireland was courageous.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Saint Patrick was brave to return to Ireland because he had been used as a slave there and treated horribly in the past; because he had faced a lot of hardship in his life and turned down a peaceful life to endure more trouble; because he knew that pagans fiercely opposed Christianity and he was putting himself in danger.

10. Explain the impact that Saint Patrick had on the people of Ireland.

Accept any suitable explanation, such as: He introduced a new religion to Ireland which changed the lives of Irish people; He put himself in a dangerous situation to help to introduce God into the lives of Irish people; He changed many lives by spreading the word of God; He established many churches which provided shelter and charity to Irish people.