

Celebrate More Than St. Patrick



On March 17, the U.S. celebrates an Irish feast day with parades, food, drink, music, and the color green—but Irish immigrants, and their children, have given more to the U.S. than a spring holiday. Answer the questions below about notable Irish Americans.

1. Who was the first Irish American to run for president?

- Eugene O'Neill
- Alfred Emmanuel Smith, Jr.
- John F. Kennedy
- Barack Obama

2. Which of the following men with Irish ancestry was known as "father" of a branch of the U.S. military?

- John Barry, naval officer in the American Revolution
- John Sullivan, general in the American Revolution
- Alfred Thayer Mahan, naval strategist
- John Philip Holland, engineer

3. Which famous survivor of the *Titanic's* sinking was Irish American?

- Madeleine Astor, wife of millionaire John Jacob Astor IV
- Helen Churchill Candee, feminist journalist
- Charlotte Cardeza, socialite
- Margaret Brown, activist and socialite

4. Which of these women with Irish ancestry helped found the Industrial Workers of the World, a major (and still existing) labor union?

- Mary Harris Jones
- Dorothy Day
- Flannery O'Connor
- Georgia O'Keefe

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