

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Where is Ireland?

Ireland is an island on the Western edge of Europe. It's nicknamed the Emerald Isle.

The Irish flag is green, white, and orange.

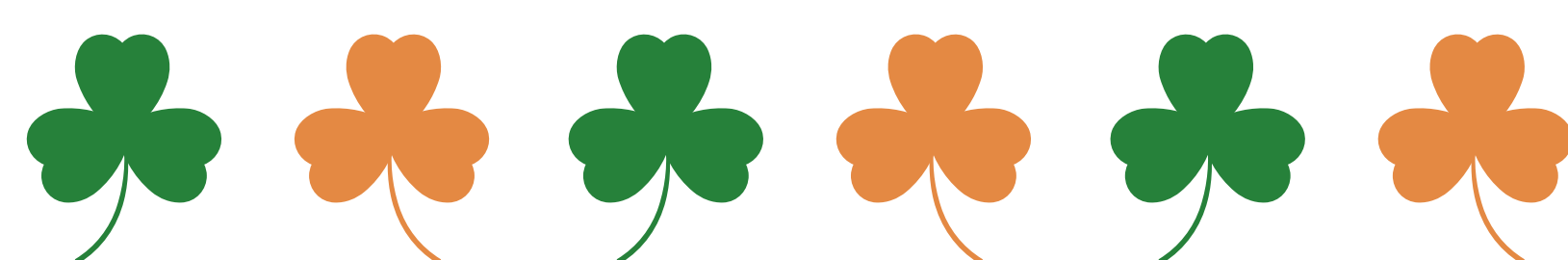
Green represented the Roman Catholics.
Orange represented the Protestants.
White represented peace between them.



US HERITAGE BY THE NUMBERS

English	47 Million
German	44 Million
Irish	38 Million
Mexican	35 Million
African American	24 Million

It is estimated that over 6 million Irish people have emigrated to the US since 1820.



Ireland has two national emblems - the shamrock and the harp. Ireland is the only country that has a musical instrument as an emblem.

**"A GOOD FRIEND IS LIKE A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER,
HARD TO FIND AND LUCKY TO HAVE."
IRISH PROVERB**

Famous Irish Americans

Walt Disney	film producer
Eileen Marie Collins	astronaut
John F. Kennedy	US President
Muhammad Ali	boxer
Georgia O'Keefe	painter
Ella Fitzgerald	jazz singer

**The first
Irish-American
Heritage Month
was in March of
1991**