

The Iron Crown, kept in the altar of the Chapel of Theodelinda in Monza, is a sacred and historical artifact of immense value. It is a crown made of six gold plates, decorated with rosettes, gems, and enamel, which surround a metal ring, from which it derives its name "Iron." According to tradition, this ring was made from one of the nails used in Christ's crucifixion, discovered by Saint Helena in 326 during her journey to the Holy Land. The Iron Crown holds historical significance not only as a work of art but also as a sacred relic, and over the centuries, it has been used to crown various rulers, such as Charlemagne and Napoleon Bonaparte.



Multiple Choice Test: The Iron Crown

1. Where is the Iron Crown kept?

- A) St. Peter's Basilica
- B) The Chapel of Theodelinda
- C) The Vatican Museum
- D) The Louvre Museum

2. How many gold plates make up the Iron Crown?

- A) Four
- B) Six
- C) Eight
- D) Ten

3. What is the Iron Crown decorated with?

- A) Diamonds and sapphires
- B) Crosses and angels
- C) Rosettes, gems, and enamel
- D) Paintings and carvings

4. What gives the Iron Crown its name "Iron"?

- A) Its gold plates

- B) The metal ring inside it
- C) The nails used to make it
- D) The gemstones embedded in it

5. According to tradition, who discovered the nail used in the Iron Crown?

- A) Saint Ambrose
- B) Emperor Constantine
- C) Saint Helena
- D) Pope Gregory

6. When did Saint Helena allegedly discover the nail?

- A) 526 AD
- B) 126 AD
- C) 326 AD
- D) 826 AD

7. What is the historical significance of the Iron Crown?

- A) It is the largest crown in Europe
- B) It was used for crowning various rulers
- C) It is made entirely of iron
- D) It contains a piece of the cross

8. Which of the following rulers was crowned with the Iron Crown?

- A) Alexander the Great
- B) Julius Caesar
- C) Napoleon Bonaparte
- D) King Henry VIII

Answer Key:

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. C
7. B
8. C

Exercise: Combine the Sentences Using Relative Clauses

Instructions: Combine the following pairs of sentences using relative pronouns (who, which, that, where) to create relative clauses.

1. The Iron Crown is made of six gold plates. These plates are decorated with rosettes.
2. Saint Helena discovered the nail. The nail is said to be part of the Iron Crown.
3. The Chapel of Theodelinda is in Monza. The Iron Crown is kept there.
4. The Iron Crown was used for coronations. These coronations involved various rulers.
5. Saint Ambrose mentioned the Crown. He was a bishop in the 4th century.

Answer Key:

1. The Iron Crown is made of six gold plates **which are** decorated with rosettes.
2. Saint Helena discovered the nail **that is said to be** part of the Iron Crown.
3. The Chapel of Theodelinda, **where** the Iron Crown is kept, is in Monza.
4. The Iron Crown was used for coronations **that involved** various rulers.
5. Saint Ambrose, **who was** a bishop in the 4th century, mentioned the Crown.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

Cloze Test: The Iron Crown

The Iron Crown is kept in the altar of the Chapel of _____ in Monza. It is made of six _____ plates, each decorated with raised rosettes, gemstones, and _____. The crown contains a metal _____ inside, which gives it its name "Iron." According to tradition, this metal ring was made from one of the _____ used in the crucifixion of Christ. The nail was discovered by Saint _____ during her journey to the Holy Land in the year _____. Over the centuries, the Iron Crown has been used to crown various _____, including Charlemagne and _____ Bonaparte.

Word Bank:

- enamel
- gold
- Teodelinda
- rulers
- nails
- 326
- ring
- Helena
- Napoleon