

DIGITAL BREAKOUTS ARE FUN, ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE!

What you need to use this breakout:

- Chromebooks, computers, laptops or some type of mobile device. You will need one device for each team. I recommend teams of 2-3 students if possible. The devices must be connected to the internet.
- A free Google account for you and your students.
- Scratch paper for students to write down the lock codes while they are working.

What is included:

- The breakout is accessed through a Google Site. Students will go to the URL for the site to complete the breakout.
- On the Google Site is the scenario, student directions, links to each of the 4 challenges and a Google Form for the students to enter the lock codes.

The 4 Challenges:

- Reading passage and quiz about Christmas in Sweden
- Reading passage and quiz about Christmas in Germany
- Google Slides activity about Christmas in Italy
- Jigsaw puzzle about Christmas in Mexico

Screenshots of the breakout



Santa Claus has the flu. The head elf Jolly McJingles is going to deliver the presents. Jolly does not know the route Santa takes and Santa is too sick to tell him. The directions are locked in Santa's safe. But no one knows the code to open it. Can you help Jolly figure out the codes so he can open the safe?



You have four challenges to complete. After each challenge you will receive a secret code. You will enter these secret codes into the form. After you enter the codes the safe will open. Jolly will take the directions and deliver the presents to all the good boys and girls. Christmas will be saved. Good luck!



Christmas Around the World Lock Form

* Required

Lock Code #1 (5 letters, ALL CAPITALS) *

Your answer

Lock Code #2 (4 letters, ALL CAPITALS) *

Your answer

Lock Code #3 (7 letters, ALL CAPITALS) *

Your answer

Lock Code #4 (4 digit number) *

Your answer

Sweden

Saint Lucia Day is important in Sweden. This day is December 13th. Saint Lucia is the patron saint of light. December 13th used to be the shortest day of the year. Sweden is so far north the sun shines for only one hour on this day. This is the winter solstice.

There are a few traditions families follow on this day. The oldest daughter in the family will get up early and dress in a white dress. She wears a lighted crown in her hair and serves her parents breakfast. At night there are parades. The girls wear white dresses, a red sash and carry candles or wear a lighted wreath. Then on Christmas Eve children await the arrival of Tomten or Jultomten. He is a small, gnome-like creature who brings gifts. Children will often leave a bowl of porridge out for him to eat.



Light is a meaningful part of Saint Lucia Day celebrations. Which of the words below is a synonym for "meaningful"? *

- cheery
- important
- special

Look at this old picture of the Tomten. Which one of these words would best describe these gnome-like creatures? *



- adorable
- lazy
- unusual

Italy

In Italy Christmas is celebrated from December 24th through January 6th. January 6th is the Epiphany. The Epiphany is the 12th day of Christmas. It is a celebration of the night the three wise men gave gifts to Baby Jesus. La Befana also visits children on this day, not Santa Claus. La Befana flies on a broomstick. The legend says she looked for Baby Jesus when he was born but could not find him. So every year she flies around on her broomstick hoping to find him. Children leave stockings out for her to fill. Good children receive toys and candy and bad children receive coal.

Do the activity on the next slide.



HOW ARE SANTA CLAUS AND LA BEFANA ALIKE? MOVE THE SENTENCE THAT TELLS HOW THEY ARE ALIKE AND PUT THEM BEHIND THE PRESENTS. THE CODE WILL BE REVEALED.

Make a mistake?
Click CTRL + Z

Bad children
get coal.

They arrive on
the same night.

Good children
get a treat.

They both wear
red clothes.

They both leave
a gift in
stockings.

They both
fly.

Children leave
them cookies
and milk.

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Germany

In Germany, the Advent tradition is important. Advent means arrival. It is a celebration of the arrival of Baby Jesus. The four weeks before Christmas Day are a joyful and festive time. Families put up an Advent wreath. The wreath has four candles, one for each week of Advent. On Sunday, families will gather around the wreath to sing songs and light the candle.

Some families have an Advent calendar too. The calendar has 24 windows. Behind each window is a Christmas scene and a chocolate treat. Every night in December one window is opened. The last window is opened on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus is called Saint Nicholas. He delivers presents to children on December 5th. Children also leave out shoes for him to fill instead of stockings.



What does the word Advent mean? (6 letters, ALL CAPITALS) *

Your answer _____

What day do families gather around the Advent wreath? (ALL CAPITALS) *

Your answer _____

What do children leave out for Saint Nicholas to fill? (5 letters, ALL CAPITALS)

Your answer _____

If you have an Advent calendar, what day do you open the last window? (enter a number)

Your answer _____