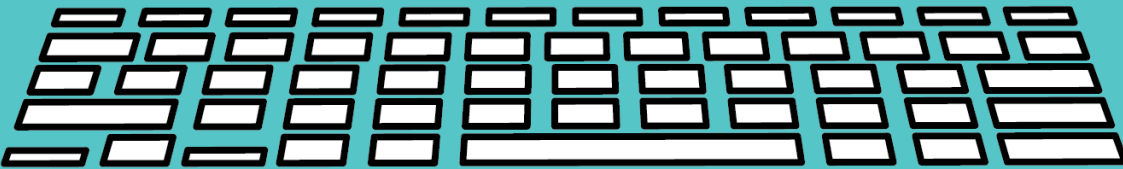
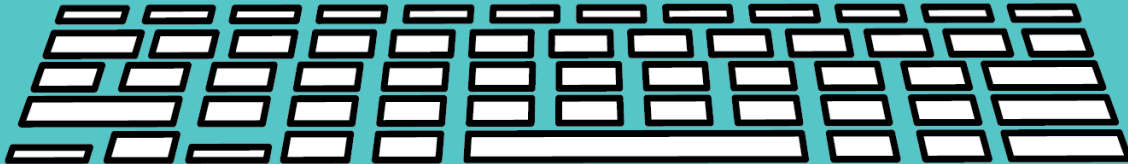


THE
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2. What are children encouraged to do during Hanukkah?		10. During Hanukkah, kids like to play ____.	
3. What ingredient is used in food during Hanukkah?		11. Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana ____.	
4. What year was the earliest evidence of a Christmas tree?		12. Gifts are given on the ____ of Kwanzaa.	
5. What is Santa called in Germany?		13. A ____ is a special celebration that holds 9 candles.	
6. What year was Kwanzaa created?		14. The colors of Kwanzaa are red, green and ____.	
7. What year did Christmas become an official holiday?		15. In France, Santa is known as Pere ____.	
8. What is Santa called in Italy?		16. Hanukkah starts on the 25th day of ____.	



CHRISTMAS, HANUKKAH & KWANZAA

Hanukkah is the annual Jewish celebration in honor of a victorious battle for religious freedom. The holiday commemorates the dedicating of the second temple in Jerusalem. The word Hanukkah means dedication. The holiday begins on Hanukkah night, the 25th day of Kislev. Kislev is the ninth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar, usually in November and December.

The lighting of the Menorah is a central part of Hanukkah. A special candelabrum that holds 9 candles, called the menorah, is placed in the Menorah from right to left and then lit from right to left. The center candle of the Menorah is lit first, then the other candles. The candles in the candelabrum should not go out until the end of the evening. Originally, the Menorah was placed outside the temple. An ancient Hanukkah song, called Hanerot Halalu, is sung while lighting the candles.

During Hanukkah, kids like to play dreidel, a game where they spin a four-sided top with Hebrew letters on all sides. The dreidel game. Children often receive gelt which is real money or chocolate coins wrapped in foil.

Hanukkah is often referred to as the Festival of Lights or the Festival of Dedication. The word Hanukkah comes from the Hebrew word meaning "dedicate".

Hanukkah traditions are similar to Christmas, it's a time for family gatherings, food, music and gifts. During Hanukkah, children are encouraged to study their Torah. They are rewarded for their studies during Hanukkah with presents and money.

Families traditionally eat potato pancakes called latkes. They also enjoy jelly-filled donuts called Sufganiyot. Oil is the key ingredient of the foods, which is a tribute to the miracle of purified oil. Many foods are fried in oil during Hanukkah in remembrance of the sacred oil. In Yemen, children would go from house to house to collect wicks for the Hanukkah Menorah. In Germany, the leftover wicks and oil were lit in giant bonfires.

When the Holy Temple was reclaimed, there was enough purified oil to keep the temple lit for only one day. By some miracle, the light burned for eight days.

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Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870. Christmas Day is celebrated by millions of people around the world on December 25th. Many people attend church services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Popular Christmas decorations include Christmas trees, Christmas lights, wreaths, holly, garland, mistletoe and nativity scenes. The first evidence of a Christmas tree was found in a pamphlet from 1570.

Santa Claus has many nicknames around the world. In Germany, he is called Kris Kringle. In Italy, they call him Le Befana. In France, he is called Pere Noel.

The tradition of hanging stockings comes from a Dutch custom. Children would leave shoes full of food for St. Nicolas' donkeys and St. Nicholas would leave small gifts in return.

Christmas caroling is an old English custom also known as wassailing. Common songs include Silent Night, Away in a Manger, The First Noel, The Twelve Days of Christmas, and Jingle Bells. If you received all the gifts from someone on the Twelve Days of Christmas you would have 364 presents.

Kwanzaa honors African heritage in the United States. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga to celebrate African culture. The principles of Kwanzaa stress values that African families should possess.

Every year the celebration begins on December 26th and lasts until January 1st. Kwanzaa is a religious and non-political celebration of African American families. Kwanzaa is now celebrated by more than eighteen million people worldwide.

The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the Swahili phrase "Matunda ya Kwanza" which means "First Fruits of the Harvest".

The colors of Kwanzaa are red, green and black. Red symbolizes the struggle for Africa's freedom. Green stands for Africa's fertile land, and black represents the people.

Candles are lit each day in a candle holder called a Kinara. Gifts are given on the seventh day of Kwanzaa. Gifts are meant to represent encouragement, success, and growth.

The seven basic principles of Kwanzaa are called the Nguzo Saba. These principles include unity, self-determination, collective responsibility, purpose, co-operative economics, creativity and faith.

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