

ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **erase** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

RANGE

4

BEGINNING

4

MIDDLE

5

BEGINNING

5

MIDDLE

5

END

6

BEGINNING

6

MIDDLE

6

END

7

BEGINNING

THANKSGIVING AROUND THE WORLD

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated around the world, dedicated to giving thanks. Countries celebrate in many different ways and for many different reasons. Each country has their own traditions and a history of why they started to celebrate. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and the second Monday of October in Canada. Although not every place celebrates Thanksgiving on the same day, each country is rich in their traditions with different foods, customs, and festivals.

Germany's Thanksgiving is called Erntedankfest, which is the first Sunday in October. It is a religious celebration to give thanks to the autumn Ernte or harvest. Traditionally, the church is decorated with harvest of the season which includes wheat and other (fruit). Baskets are filled with fruits and breads to give to the needy. A German tradition is to keep away the "grain demon" by weaving and binding together 3, 7, or 9 heads of the last of their grain into a pattern and leaving it in the house for good-fortune.

Japan celebrates Kinro Kansha no Hi, which translates to Labor Thanksgiving Day, on November 23rd. This holiday began after World War II in 1948, when Japan gave more rights to the working-class. Today, it is a day to celebrate being thankful for workers who do their job well. During this time, events and festivals are organized for the community to celebrate their hard work. Children make cards for workers such as police officers, firefighters, and hospital staff to show their appreciation. Typically, Japanese dinners on Thanksgiving do not include turkey, but instead a traditional meal of fish, rice, and tea.

In China, Thanksgiving is a 3-day Moon Festival that occurs around the middle of August called "Chung Chiu." Similar to Germany, the Chinese celebrate the fall harvest and have their own traditions. One such tradition is the sharing of the mooncake, which is a pastry with an egg yolk center that represents the moon. The holiday is connected to a legend story

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What country celebrates Thanksgiving with a yam festival?



China



Germany



Ghana



Lithuania

4

What country celebrates Kinro Kansa no Hi?



Japan



South India



Indonesia



China

5

What are scarecrows called in Lithuania?



Pongal



Ernte



Obst



Bobas

6

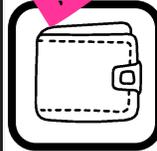
A _____ tradition is to "scare away the grain demon."



Chinese



German



Japanese



Canadian

7

How long is the
Moon Festival in
China?



5 days



10 days



1 week



3 days

8

In which country do
children make cards
for workers such as
police officers?



India



Germany



Ghana



Japan

9

What word means
fruit in German?



Erne



Obst



Bobas



Bhogi

10

Which country
celebrates Labor
Thanksgiving Day?



India



Japan



China



Lithuania

CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

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THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

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