

A History of Winter Holidays....aka Holiday History Fun!

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If you have a lot of missing work,
or if you do not wish to discuss
holidays.....

**Please move yourself to the
other room titled:
Getting Caught up**



Trim-A-Tree Treasure Hunt



Can you find an angel and three little stars,
A tiny toy trumpet and an old-fashioned car,
A teddy bear and two big bows,
And Christmas lights in four neat rows?

Can you find a candy cane and a bell,
A little goldfish and an old seashell,
A house and a sled and a penguin, too?

I can see them all! Can you?



Can you name any winter holidays that are celebrated in the United States?



Do you celebrate one of the following holidays?



Christmas

Hanukkah

Kwanzaa

I celebrate
a different
holiday

I don't
celebrate any
holidays

Have you ever scrapbooked?



YES – I love it!!



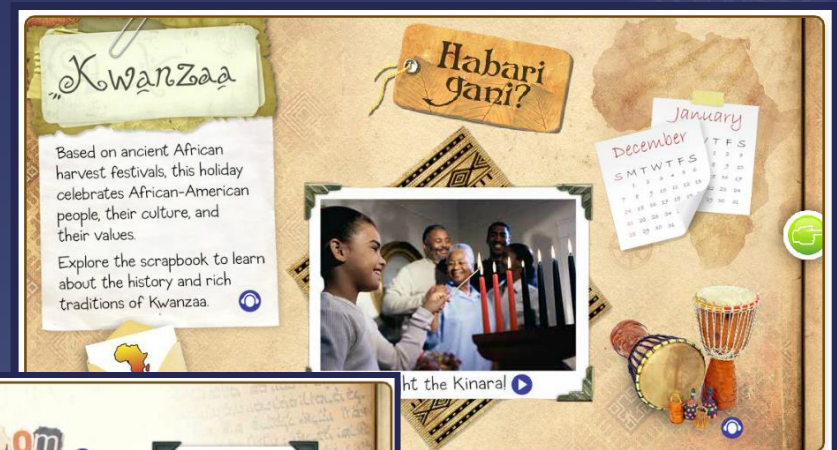
NO WAY!!



Holiday Scrapbooks

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/holidays/christmas/>

- We are going to explore the scrapbooks of the 3 holidays and learn a little more about what each holiday is about.



HANUKKAH

For eight days in December, this "Festival of Lights" honors an ancient victory of the Jews and the miracle that followed.

Explore the scrapbook to learn about the history and rich traditions of this holiday.

If you were to explain Hanukkah to a friend who had never heard of it before, what story would you tell?



Based on ancient African harvest festivals, this holiday celebrates African-American people, their culture, and their values.

The traditions, names, and decorations of Kwanzaa reflect African culture, but it is an American holiday. Explain the meaning of the holiday in your own words.

Christmas

In December, Christians celebrate this holiday to remember the birth of Jesus. Cultures across the globe honor this season of peace and goodwill with many different traditions.

What is Christmas?

Over two thousand years ago, a baby named Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Shepherds came to see the newborn baby after an angel proclaimed he was the Son of God. Then three kings, or wise men, followed a star to the stable, bringing the baby precious gifts. During his life, Jesus had many followers and his teachings formed a new religion called Christianity.

Think of a Christmas symbol you learned about in this activity. In your own words, explain the meaning behind this symbol

Which holiday.....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcZFLHKICoE>



1. Celebrates an African harvest festival and is an American Holiday?

- A. Christmas
- B. Kwanzaa
- C. Hanukkah

2. Celebrates a victorious long battle between the Jews and occupying Greek Army and honors a miracle.

- A. Christmas
- B. Kwanzaa
- C. Hanukkah



Which Holiday do you celebrate?



If you would like to share please raise your hand for the mic



What special traditions do you do over the holidays?



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The Life of a Christmas Tree Video

CHRISTMAS BY THE NUMBERS

10%	32%	24%	65%	88%
194,672				
\$50,000				

Christmas Facts Interactive

Check out these links:

<http://www.history.com/topics/history-of-christmas-trees>

<http://www.history.com/topics/kwanzaa-history>

<http://www.history.com/topics/hanukkah/videos?name=culture&bcpid=1681694254&bclid=1675979339#history-of-hanukkah>

<http://www.history.com/topics/christmas>

<http://www.history.com/topics/christmas-traditions-worldwide>





27 Winter Holiday Tradition Origins - mental_floss on YouTube (Ep. 39)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeaSlcMpPTQ>

Do you have any New Years
Traditions?



Have a relaxing and wonderful Winter Break and New Year!



- See you next year!!
- Welcome 2015!