

Winter Holidays!

WebQuest Description: Come explore how different cultures celebrate their own holidays! Learn their customs, food and traditions!

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Introduction

There is no doubt the holidays are a wonderfully special time of the year! Did you ever wonder what other holidays are celebrated during the winter? Come navigate through this WebQuest to find out about the traditions of various winter holidays!

Tasks

Your teacher has the case of the teacher pox. The teacher pox is when a teacher does not feel like teaching anymore and rely's on the students to step up and teach for them! YOU are now the teacher and will be teaching the class about a specific holiday! You will be put into four different groups, each group will be assigned a December Holiday. Your goal will be to research your holiday and find out everything that you can about your assigned holiday. You will use the different resources provided to answer the questions about your specific holiday. After your group has researched and answered the questions you will then put all your information together to put on a play that you will present to the class. The play will include all the information you have found throughout your webquest and it will be used as a teaching tool to help inform the other students about the holiday. Then as a class we will discuss how the four holidays are similar and different. Lastly, it is finally time to celebrate and we will have our around the world party where parts of each holiday that was researched will be celebrated!

Process

ChristmasThe holiday that your group will be researching is christmas. Christmas is a widely celebrated holiday in the United States but many other countries celebrate it also. Your goal is to learn about Christmas around the world and why it iscelebrated so you can better inform your class! Answer the questions below with as much detail as possible. 1. What religions or cultures celebrate Christmas?2. In what countries is christmas celebrated?3. What are some specific traditions Christmas has?4. Are there any songs and stories associated with Christmas?5. What specific foods are eaten during Christmas?6. What are the colors and decorations used to celebrate Christmas?7. When is Christmas celebrated and for how many days?http://www.kidsgen.com/events/christmas/history.htmhttp://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/fun-interesting-christmas-facts-for-kids/http://www.santas.net/songs.htm**Hanukkah**The holiday that your group will be researching is Hanukkah. Hanukkah is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States. However there are people in other countries who celebrate it also. Your goal is to learn more about Hanukkah and be able to better inform the rest of the class about what Hanukkah is and what goes on when people celebrate Hanukkah! Answer the questions below with as much detail as possible. 1. What religions or cultures celebrate Hanukkah?2. In what countries is Hanukkah celebrated?3. What are some specific traditions Hanukkah has?4. Are there any songs and stories associated with Hanukkah?5. What specific foods are eaten during Hanukkah?6. What are the colors and decorations used to celebrate Hanukkah?7. When is Hanukkah celebrated and for how many days?http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/hanukkahhttp://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/hanukkah.htmlhttp://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/806884/hanukkah-facts-for-children**Kwanzaa**The holiday that your group will be researching is Kwanzaa. Kwanzaa is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States. However there are people in other countries who celebrate it also. Your goal is to learn more about Kwanzaa and be able to better inform the rest of the class about what Kwanzaa is and what goes on when people celebrate Kwanzaa! Answer the questions below with as much detail as possible. 1. What religions or cultures celebrate Kwanzaa?2. In what countries is Kwanzaa celebrated?3. What are some specific traditions Kwanzaa has?4. Are there any songs and stories associated with Kwanzaa?5. What specific foods are eaten during Kwanzaa?6. What are the colors and decorations used to celebrate Kwanzaa?7. When is Kwanzaa celebrated and for how many days?http://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/kwanzaa.htmlhttp://www.kiddyhouse.com/Holidays/kwanzaa/http://blogs.houstonpress.com/eating/2010/12/top_5_kwanzaa_dishes.phphttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kV-6qVp98Q**Ramadan** The holiday that your group will be researching is Ramadan. Ramadan is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States. However there are people in other countries who celebrate it also. Your goal is to learn more about Ramadan and be able to better inform the rest of the class about what Ramadan is and what goes on when people celebrate Ramadan! Answer the questions below with as much detail as possible. 1. What religions or cultures celebrate Ramadan?2. In what countries is Ramadan celebrated?3. What are some specific traditions Ramadan has?4. Are there any songs and stories associated with Ramadan?5. What specific foods are eaten during Ramadan?6. What are the colors and decorations used to celebrate Ramadan?7. When is Ramadan celebrated and for how many days?http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/holidays/themonthoframadan.htmhttp://www.holidays.net/ramadan/story.htmhttp://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/ramadan.html#pg-ramadan4http://www.theholidayspot.com/ramadan/ramadan.htm

Evaluation

Each student will be evaluated on their group play. Students will be graded on their play presentation; if they answered all of the questions, whether you clearly explained the holiday to the class through your play. Each group will be evaluated together as a group with the rubric located below. Information Props and Costumes Presentation 3 points

The group answered all questions completely and the play clearly informed the class about their winter holiday. The group used the correct props and costumes of their winter holiday appropriately and meaningfully. The group spoke with clear and appropriate volume and made eye contact with audience. 2 points The group answered some of the questions and did not present a clear understanding of their winter holiday. The group did not use all props and costumes of their winter holiday appropriately and meaningfully. The group spoke with a moderate volume and made little eye contact with the audience. 1 point

The group did not answer any questions or did not have the correct answers and did not present a clear understanding of their winter holiday. The group did not use any props or costumes. The group did not speak clearly and made no eye contact with the audience.

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Conclusion

Congratulations!!! You are now able to travel around the world in December and celebrate the different holidays. I hope that throughout this assignment you were able to learn about other holidays people celebrate and even more about your own holiday! Hopefully you now know more about other cultures and how they celebrate holidays in December! It was great celebrating these different holidays with you, now take this knowledge and teach others!

Teacher Page

This WebQuest is about different winter holidays people celebrate! This WebQuest will take about three to four days to complete including the plays and holiday party.

Standards

8.4.2.A: Explain why cultures have commemorations and remembrances.

8.4.2.C: Identify how cultures have commemorations and remembrances.

1.5.2.C: Organize writing in a logical order. • Include a recognizable beginning, middle, and end.

Credits

<http://www.kidsgen.com/events/christmas/history.htm>

<http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/fun-interesting-christmas-facts-for-kids/>

<http://www.santas.net/songs.htm>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/hanukkah>

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/hanukkah.html>

<http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/806884/hanukkah-facts-for-children>

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/kwanzaa.html>

<http://www.kiddyhouse.com/Holidays/kwanzaa/>

http://blogs.houstonpress.com/eating/2010/12/top_5_kwanzaa_dishes.php

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0kV-6qVp98Q>

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/holidays/themonthoframadan.htm>

<http://www.holidays.net/ramadan/story.htm>

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/holiday/scrapbook/ramadan.html#pg-ramadan4>

<http://www.theholidayspot.com/ramadan/ramadan.htm>

Other

Learning Objectives:

1. Students will differentiate holiday customs between countries around the world.
2. Students will identify the similarities and differences between the winter holidays celebrated around the world.
3. Students will summarize information learned in a play on a holiday celebrated in the winter.