

Christmas Around the World

Internet-based Scavenger Hunt #3

Instructions

Use reliable web-based resources (not wikipedia, e-How, wikis, etc...) to track down some holiday traditions in countries around the world. Put the author or the name of the website where you found the information in parentheses at the end of your answers. Your answers must be complete sentences.

1. What must happen before the Christmas feast can begin in Poland?
2. Where do children in Great Britain put their letters to Father Christmas?
3. What Christmas decoration is placed on the door of homes in Argentina?
4. What decoration is usually put on the top of Christmas trees in the United States?
5. Why is mass (church service) held every hour on Christmas Day in the Philippines?
6. What is the name of the traditional pudding made in Scotland for Christmas?
7. When do adults exchange gifts in Guatemala?
8. In small towns and villages of New Zealand, how does Santa travel to visit children on Christmas morning?
9. Since the first and second world wars, turkey has been the popular choice for Christmas meals in Malta. What bird was commonly used before the wars?
10. When Christians in Iraq celebrate Christmas, they often build a fire of thorn bushes. What does each person present do after the fire dies?
11. By tradition, groups of children in Romania travel from house to house singing carols and reciting poetry during the Christmas season. What does the leader of each group carry and how is it decorated?
12. The dessert at a traditional Christmas feast in Denmark is a special rice pudding with something hidden in it. What is hidden and brings good luck to the one who finds it?
13. What item do people receive as they enter the church for Christmas services in Ethiopia?
14. The traditional Christmas Eve supper in Poland consists of 12 dishes. What do these 12 dishes represent?
15. A familiar tradition in Norway involves putting a bowl of rice pudding out for the barn elf. Why is this done?

Part II

Select a country in Asia or Oceania, and fill out the information for that country. Make sure to give credit to your source at the end of each of your responses. Cannot use unreliable sources. Write on your own sheet of paper.

Country's name:

Number of people:

Type of government:

Name of leader (president, prime minister, monarch):

Predominant religion:

For the questions below, you must have complete sentences.

What is one thing your country is famous for?

How long is the Christmas celebrated in your country?

Are there other holidays that are celebrated with Christmas?

What are the symbols of Christmas in your country (Christmas tree, star, angel, etc...).

What traditional food is served during Christmas time in your country?

Describe three Christmas traditions in your country.