

## **Christmas Around the World**

### **Internet-based Scavenger Hunt #1**

### **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 written down on your own sheet of paper.

1. What kind of trees are decorated at Christmas time in India?
2. Christmas trees are not commonly used in Greece. What is the main symbol of the season in most Greek homes?
3. In the Netherlands, what do children leave in their shoes as a gift for Sinterklaas's horse?
4. How would you wish someone Merry Christmas in Brazil?
5. If you were in Croatia, how would you say "Merry Christmas" to a Croatian?
6. On what date does Christmas end in Sweden?
7. In Ghana, what is the special greeting that means Merry Christmas and Happy New Year?
8. How do Venezuelans in the capital city of Caracas get to church services on Christmas Eve?
9. What do Romanian children often do on Christmas night?
10. At Christmas time, it's summer in Australia. If the weather were too hot for the reindeer, who might help deliver Christmas gifts there?
11. Children in Puerto Rico leave grass and water under their beds for \_\_\_\_\_.
12. At a traditional Christmas dinner in Bratislava (in Slovakia), why would a mother make a cross with honey on the forehead of each member of the family?
13. Why are there 13 days of Christmas in Iceland rather than 12?
14. What kind of fruit is often found in the stockings of children who live in the Canadian Prairies?
15. What is the main holiday decoration in most Mexican homes?

### **Part II**

Select a country in Central America or South America, 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.