

Christmas Around the World

Internet-based Scavenger Hunt #2

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 is the shape of the popular *buche de Noel* cake made in France at Christmas time?
2. What is the most popular Christmas decoration in China?
3. Why are candles placed in the windows of Irish homes on Christmas Eve?
4. In Portugal, what is done during the feast called *Consoda*?
5. In Germany, the three Thursdays before Christmas are known as Knocking Nights. What do children do on those nights?
6. Most Christmas treats in Italy contain what?
7. Why do some people in the Czech Republic fast on Christmas Eve?
8. In the Ukraine, who travels with Father Frost when he delivers gifts?
9. In Austria, a bell is rung after Christmas Eve dinner to signal the opening of a locked door. What are children permitted to see for the first time behind the locked door?
10. When people go to church on Christmas Eve in Egypt, what do they wear?
11. In Germany, where do children leave their letters for *Christkind*, who delivers gifts?
12. In addition to Christmas trees, what other items are used to decorate churches in Kenya for Christmas?
13. What foods do families in Switzerland share after the traditional midnight mass?
14. What do children do with their shoes in Spain on January 5?
15. In Hungary, Christmas is celebrated twice. What are the dates for these celebrations?

Part II

Select a country in Europe or Africa, 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.