

Candy Cane WebQuest



Candy canes are a delicious kind of hard candy that usually have red and white stripes. Let's search the internet and see what interesting facts we can uncover about this sweet holiday confection. Use the following web address to answer the questions below. Use the back of this sheet if you need more room.

<http://wanttoknowit.com/who-invented-the-candy-cane/>

1. Who Invented the Candy Cane?

2. Describe the candy that was sold in the 17th century for children to enjoy.

3. What did the choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral in Germany do with the candy? Why did he do it?

4. Who was the first candy company to mass produce candy canes? How were they able to keep them fresh?

5. What two changes were added to candy canes in the early 1900's?

Using the following website answer the questions below.

<https://www.candycanefacts.com/facts/>

6. When is National Candy Cane Day?

7. How many candy canes are made every year?

Christmas and Gingerbread WebQuest



Using the following website, let's learn the origin of gingerbread and how it became associated with Christmas.

<http://www.ingestandimbibe.com/Articles/ginger.html>

1. Name the two ways ginger root was used as a medicine in ancient times.

2. When the pilgrims returned from the first Crusade, what four ingredients they did they bring that would be the mainstay of gingerbread?

3. Around 200 years later, what did the English add to the mixture and why did that change the amount of ginger included?

4. In Germany, which city became known as the gingerbread capital of the world?

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5. How did Queen Elizabeth and her husband Albert influence the shape of gingerbread?

6. During the late 19th Century gingerbread became more associated with Christmas. Describe at least three of the shapes that gingerbread was used to depict.

In Search of Mrs. Claus WebQuest



Using the following website, let's learn about Mrs. Claus.

<http://www.kidsplayandcreate.com/mrs-claus-facts-for-kids-what-is-mrs-claus-name/>

1. What does this page say may be the first name of Mrs. Claus?

2. List two ways Mrs. Claus helps Santa.

3. According to this page, how old is Mrs. Claus and how is that possible?

4. List three ways Mrs. Claus looks out for the elves.

5. What does Santa and Mrs. Claus do after Christmas?

CHANUKAH (HANUKKAH) WEBQUEST



Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. Using the internet, let’s do some research into this richly historic holiday.

Use the following website to answer the questions below. Use the back of this sheet if you need more room.

https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/article_cdo/aid/102911/jewish/What-Is-Hanukkah.htm

1. In Hebrew, the word Chanukah means ?

2. Scroll down to the *Chanukah Foods* section. List two popular foods served during Chanukah.

3. Using “Google”, or a search engine of your choice, type in the word dedicated. What does it mean?

4. Using “Google”, or a search engine of your choice, type in the words “eight-day miracle ”and explain how long the oil should have lasted and how long it did last.

5. Using this web address, define the word, “menorah”.

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/menorah>

6. Using this web address, define the word, ” dreidel”.

<https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/dreidel/>

KWANZAA WEBQUEST



Kwanzaa is a week-long holiday honoring African culture and traditions. It falls between December 26 and January 1 each year. Kwanzaa was first celebrated December, 1966. Using the internet, let's learn about Kwanzaa and the symbols and customs that are a part of this holiday.

Using the following website, answer the question below. Use the back of this sheet if you need more space for an answer.

<http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/NguzoSaba.shtml>

1. The Seven Principles are a very important part of Kwanza. On this page they are listed in Swahili and then English. List all seven.

Use the following website to answer the questions below
<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/kwanzaa>

2. Kwanzaa is a holiday honoring the culture and traditions of people of what origin?

3 What is a libation? What type of cup is involved with this ritual?

4. List three of the seven Kwanzaa symbols on this page.

5. What are the colors of Kwanzaa?

6. What are the colors of the candles of Kwanzaa and what do they represent?