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Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet

December Enrichment Activities

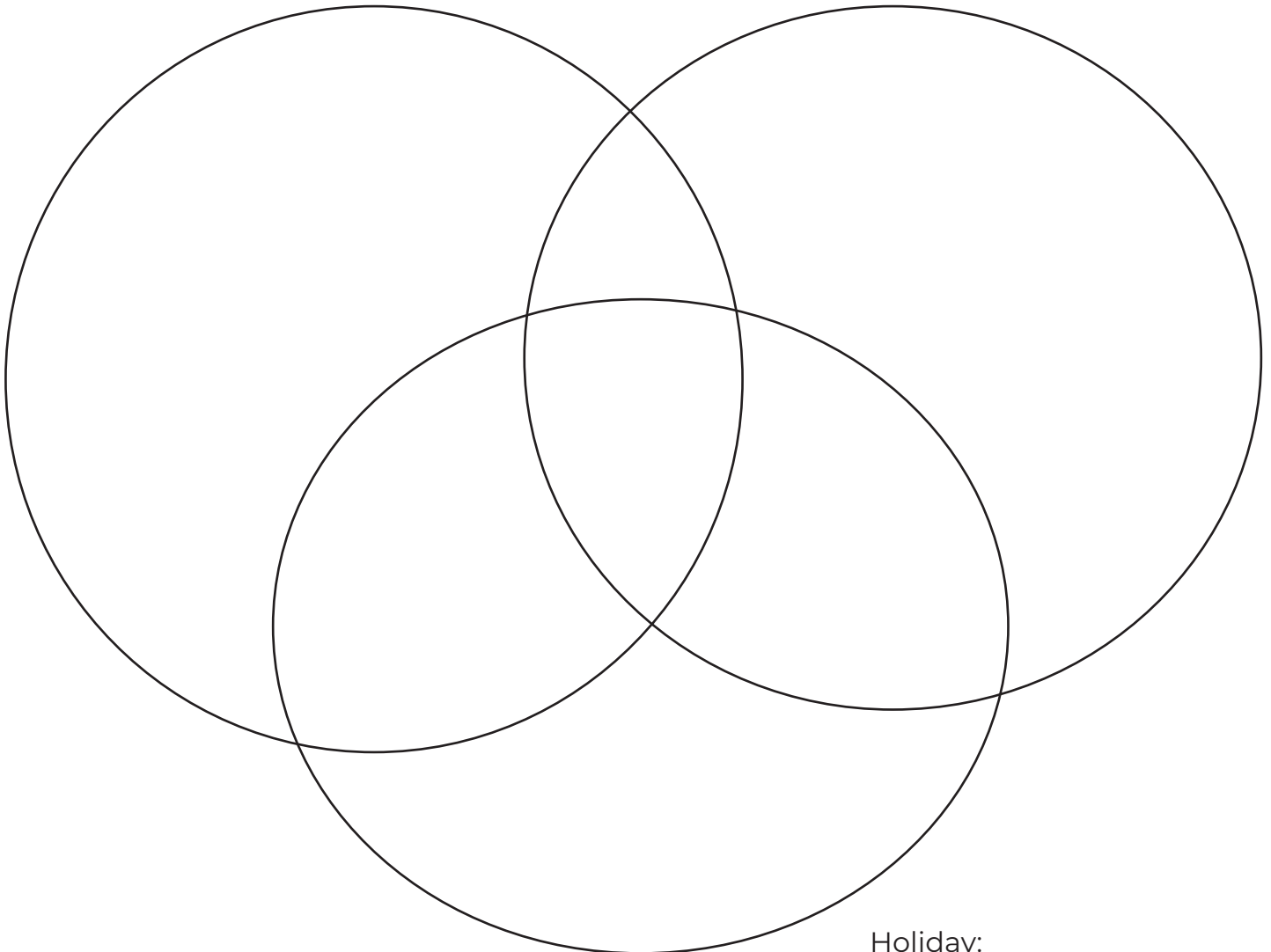
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Students: After reading "Connections," use information from the article to compare and contrast three of the winter holidays described using the Venn diagram below. Label the boxes below each circle and write about each holiday you choose in the corresponding circle. In the outside circles, list facts that make the holidays different. On the inside circles, write facts the holidays have in common. On the middle circle, list facts the same for all three holidays. Complete sentences are not required.

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Students: Use facts from “Around the World” to fill in the blanks below.

1. The winter solstice is also called the _____ solstice or _____.
2. The winter solstice happens _____ a year in the North and Southern _____.
3. It is the day with the _____ amount of daylight and the _____ night of the year.
4. The solstice occurs when _____ of the Earth's _____ has its most significant tilt away _____.
5. The opposite of the winter solstice is the _____, the time with the _____ daylight and the _____ night of the year.
6. Where we live in the _____ Hemisphere the solstice will occur on December ____ or _____, each year.
7. The summer solstice is _____ later on June 20 or 21.
8. After the solstice the days get _____.
9. This special day marks the _____ of winter .
10. Some solstice holidays include the Welsh time of _____, the Western Christian period known as _____, the East Asia celebration of the _____, the Ancient Roman day of _____, and _____.
11. Some holidays that coincide with dates after the solstice are from the countries of _____, _____ and _____.
12. The winter is celebrated in many areas of the _____ as a time of _____.



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Students: After reading "Wildville," complete an acrostic poem about the polar bear using the letters in its name. Name a fact, attribute, thought or personal feeling about the animal that starts with each letter below to create a poem about the world's most massive bear. Be creative!
Extra: Draw a picture of the polar bear at the bottom of the page.

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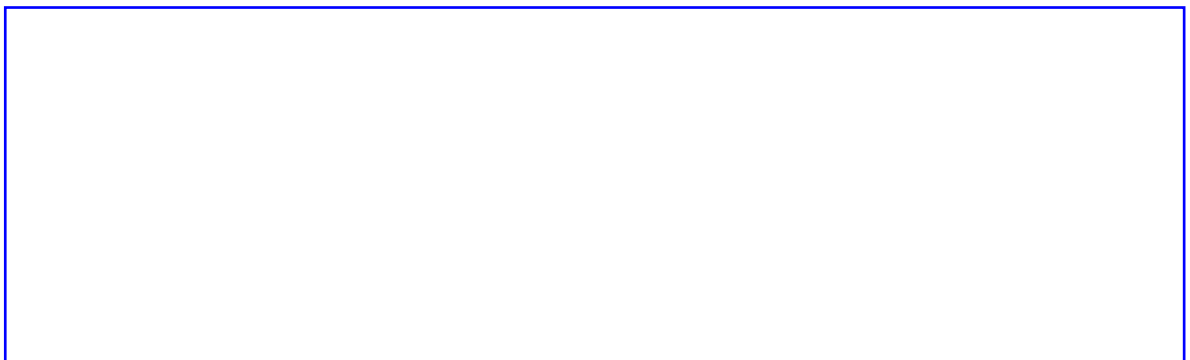
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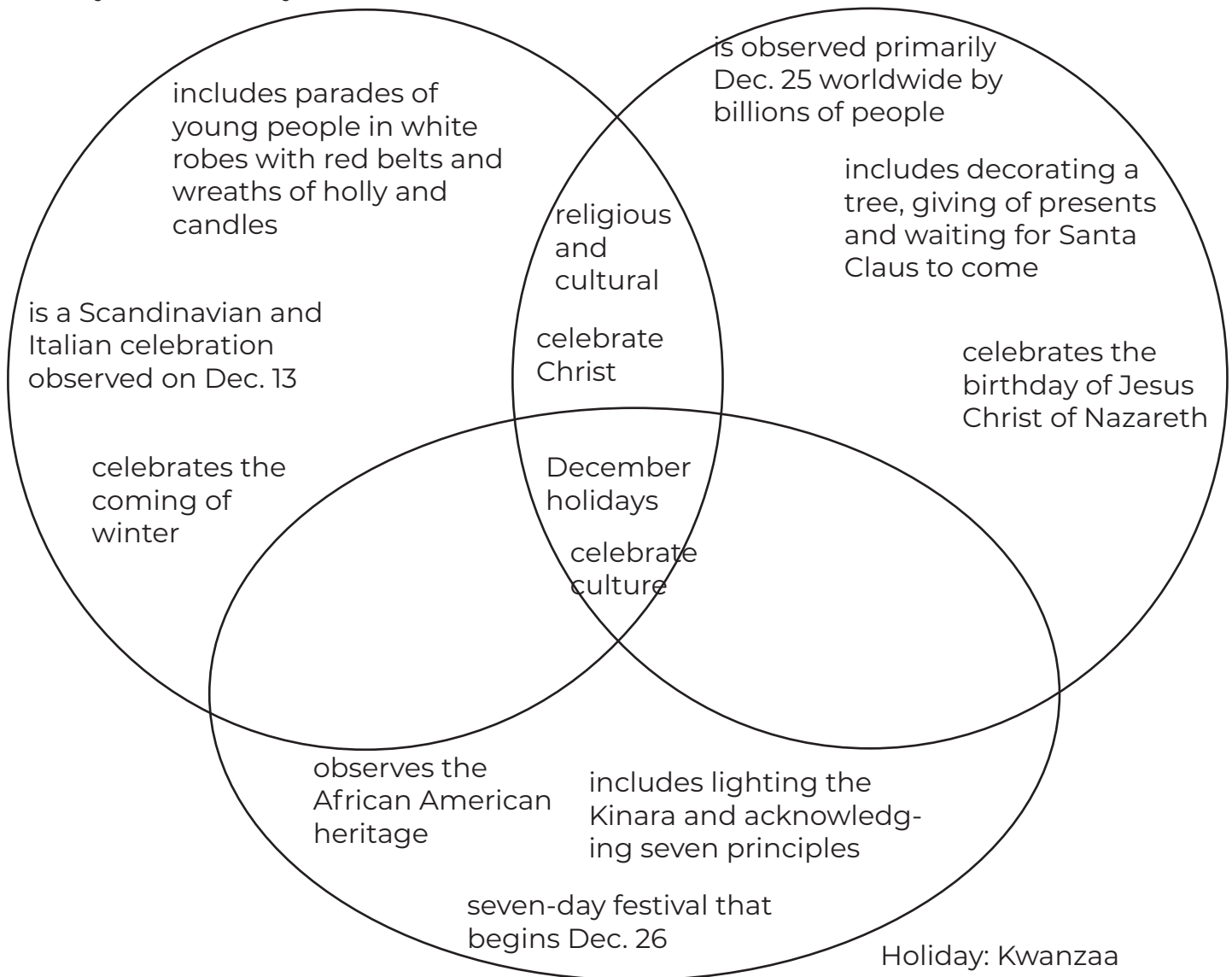
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Parents/Teachers: See sample answers below. Answers will vary depending on selections.

Holiday: St. Lucia Day

Holiday: Christmas





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Answer Key

Students: Use facts from “Around the World” to fill in the blanks below.

Parents/Teachers: See below.

1. The winter solstice is also called the hibernal solstice or midwinter.
2. The winter solstice happens twice a year in the North and Southern Hemispheres.
3. It is the day with the shortest amount of daylight and the longest night of the year.
4. The solstice occurs when one of the Earth's poles has its most significant tilt away from the sun.
5. The opposite of the winter solstice is the summer solstice, the time with the most daylight and the shortest night of the year.
6. Where we live in the Northern Hemisphere the solstice will occur on December 21 or 22, each year.
7. The summer solstice is six months later on June 20 or 21.
8. After the solstice the days get longer.
9. This special day marks the beginning of winter .
10. Some solstice holidays include the Welsh time of Alban Arthan, the Western Christian period known as Blue Christmas, the East Asia celebration of the Dangzhi Festival and the ancient Roman day of Saturnalia, and Christmas.
11. Some holidays that coincide with dates after the solstice are from the countries of Korea, China and India.
12. The winter is celebrated in many areas of the world as a time of rebirth.



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