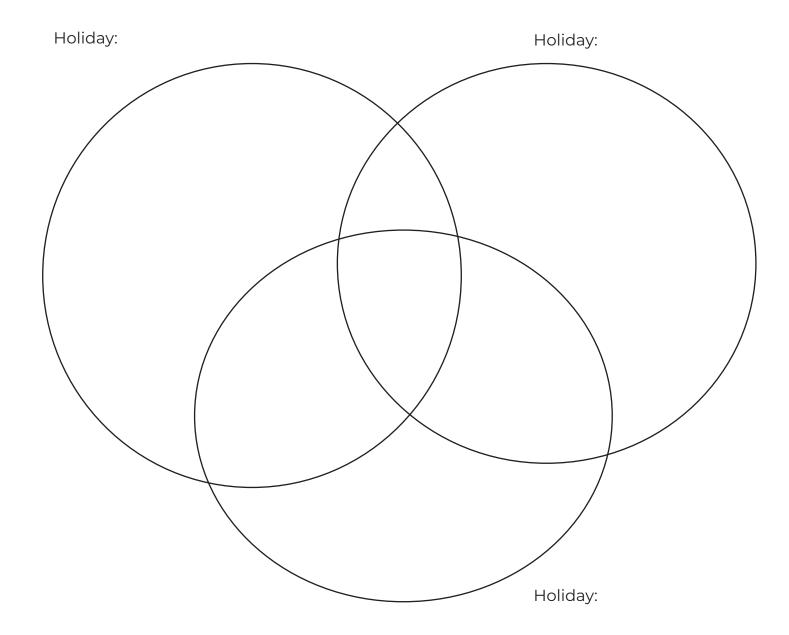


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Parents/Teachers: See sample answers below. Answers will vary depending on selections.

Holiday: Christmas Holiday: St. Lucia Day is observed primarily Dec. 25 worldwide by includes parades of billions of people young people in white robes with red belts and includes decorating a wreaths of holly and tree, giving of presents religious candles and waiting for Santa and Claus to come cultural is a Scandinavian and celebrate Italian celebration celebrates the Christ observed on Dec. 13 birthday of Jesus Christ of Nazareth celebrates the December coming of holidays winter celebrate ulture observes the includes lighting the African American Kinara and acknowledgheritage ing seven principles seven-day festival that begins Dec. 26

Holiday: Kwanzaa



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- 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 <u>one</u> of the Earth's <u>poles</u> has its most significant tilt away <u>from the sun</u>.
- 5. The opposite of the winter solstice is the <u>summer solstice</u>, the time with the <u>most</u> daylight and the <u>shortest</u> night of the year.
- 6. Where we live in the <u>Northern</u> Hemisphere the solstice will occur on December <u>21</u> or <u>22</u>. 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 <u>beginning</u> of winter.
- 10. Some solstice holidays include the Welsh time of <u>Alban Arthan</u>, the Western Christian period known as <u>Blue Christmas</u>, the East Asia celebration of the <u>Dangzhi Festival</u> and the ancient Roman day of <u>Saturnalia</u>, and <u>Christmas</u>.
- 11. Some holidays that coincide with dates after the solstice are from the countries of <u>Korea</u>, <u>China</u> and <u>India</u>.
- 12. The winter is celebrated in many areas of the <u>world</u> as a time of <u>rebirth</u>.



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