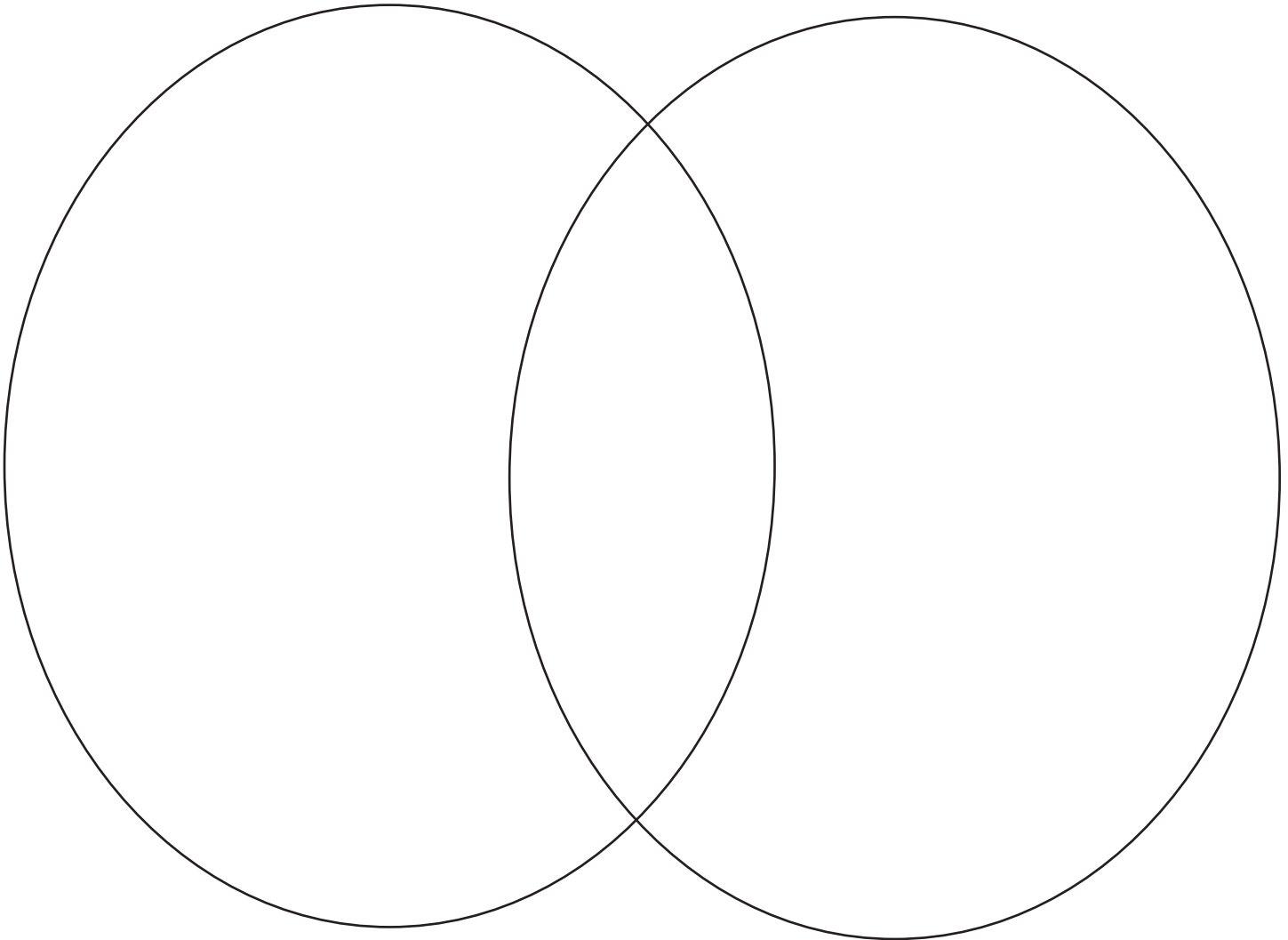




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1. The winter solstice is also called the h_____ solstice or m_____.
2. The winter solstice happens t_____ a year in the North and Southern H_____.
3. It is the day with the s_____ amount of daylight and the l_____ night of the year.
4. The solstice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



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Extra: Draw a picture of the polar bear at the bottom of the page.

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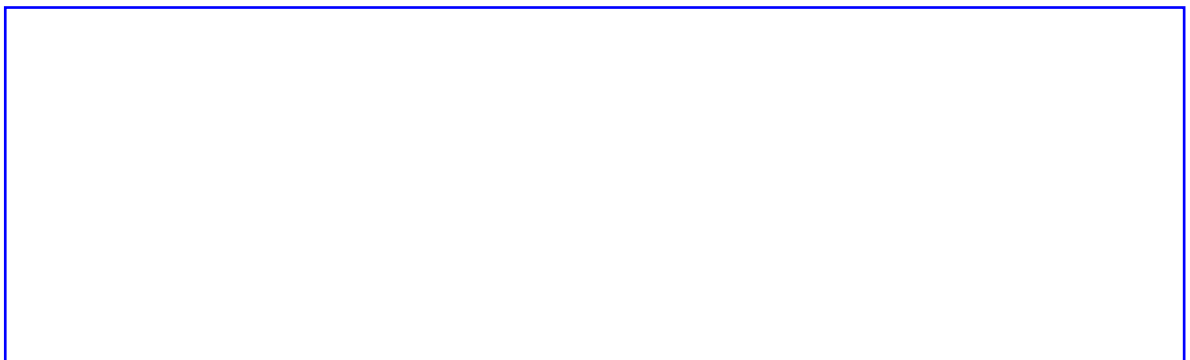
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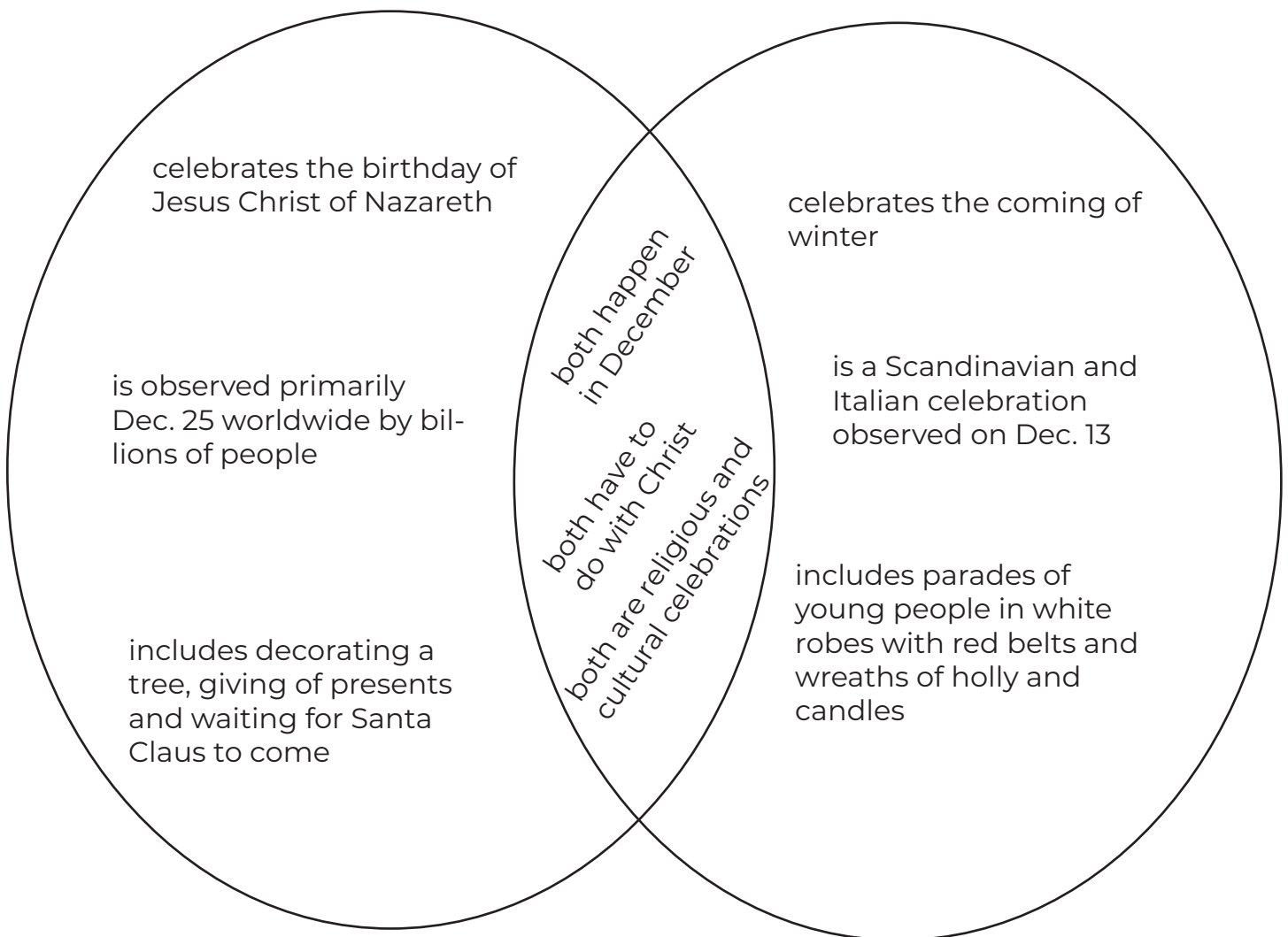


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Holiday: Christmas

Holiday: St. Lucia Day



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Answer Key

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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 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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