

# Celebrate Winter Holidays

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Learn how kids around the globe celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa – and explore more holidays from near and far.

- Read along with the history behind the holiday.
- Explore the treats and traditions that make these holidays special.
- Share holiday stories on the moderated message board.
- Print free Printables and a gallery full of clip art.
- Send personalized holiday eCards to family and friends.
- Listen to festive songs and try tasty holiday recipes.
- Create homemade holiday scrapbooks to treasure.

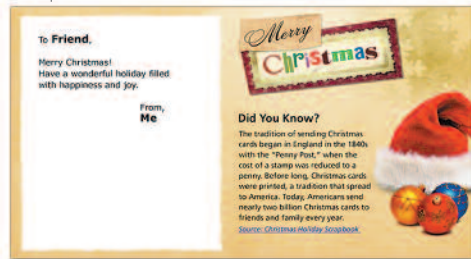
## Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks for each holiday share traditions and highlights of the special days.



## eCards

Wish your friends and family the happiest holiday season with a personalized eCard that includes your choice of holiday trivia. Choose from one of these four themes: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Winter.



## Printables & Clip Art

Free Holiday Printables including Classroom Activities, Art Projects and Recipes. **Plus** a great gallery of high-quality clip-art.

## Resources for Teachers

A comprehensive activity guide with links, extension ideas, and standards make it quick and easy for you to start using this activity in your classroom

Our new multimedia, interactive, online unit is bursting with holiday cheer!

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## Holiday Fun Facts

- In Holland, Santa is called **Sinterklaas** and he travels on a white horse. Children leave out wooden shoes filled with straw and carrots for the horse. In return, Santa fills the shoes with sweets and gifts.
- During Kwanzaa, many people display the **Bendera** — a flag that represents all of Africa. It is usually hung facing east, towards Africa. Its three colors are symbolic: black is for the people, red is for their struggle, and green is for their land and hope for the future.
- **Latkes**, or potato pancakes, are a delicious holiday favorite. Many traditional Hanukkah foods are made with oil to remember the miracle of oil.
- **The Tradition of decorating with Evergreens** has been around since ancient cultures like the Romans celebrated the winter solstice. But the Germans were the first to decorate trees in their homes for Christmas.

