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HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK & LAPBOOK

HOW TO CREATE YOUR NOTEBOOK OR LAPBOOK

You will need:

- A printed copy of the notebook/lapbook pages. These can be printed onto white or coloured paper.
- Cardboard file folder or notebook/workbook
- Pencils or markers
- Glue
- Scissors

Prepare the File Folder

If using a cardboard file folder, open the folder flat on a firm surface and then fold in each side of the folder to meet at the middle. Score the folded edge well.

Create the Cover

Decorate each item with pencils or markers. Cut each item out and glue onto the front of the file folder or the first page of your notebook.

Create Flip Flaps

There are six flip flaps (one for each holiday) included in the printable, each with four layers. Cut out the four layers for the first holiday and glue them together, using the area above the dotted line as a guide for the glue. Decorate the top flap featuring the holiday title. Paste the completed flip flap inside your lapbook (paste three holidays neatly inside each side of the front cover flaps you created when folding the file folder) or across two pages of your notebook (you should easily fit three holiday flip flaps onto each page of a Letter or A4 sized notebook).

Repeat for each of the six featured holidays.

Holidays Around the World Mapping Activity

Cut out the 'Holidays Around the World' banner and glue it to the top of the middle portion of the lapbook or at the top of a new page in your notebook. Then, cut out the square containing the world map and glue it underneath the title banner.

Compare and Contrast Activity

Glue the Compare & Contrast page to the back of the lapbook file folder or onto a new page in your notebook.



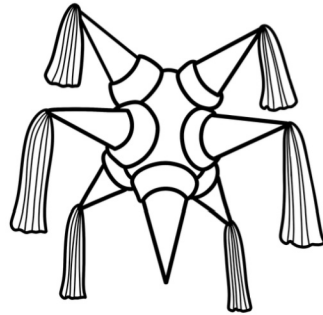
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Holidays Around the World

Hanukkah



Las Posadas



Kwanzaa



Diwali



**Chinese
New Year**



St. Lucia Day



Hanukkah



Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights and it remembers the rededication of the second Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, in Israel.

Where

The dates of Hanukkah change because this holiday follows the lunar cycle.

When

Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah. For eight nights, Hanukkah is celebrated with prayer, the lighting of the menorah, and food. A Hanukkah menorah has nine candles, a candle for every night, plus a helper candle. Children play games, sing songs, and exchange gifts. Potato pancakes, known as latkes in Yiddish, are traditionally associated with Hanukkah and are served with applesauce and sour cream.

What

Kwanzaa



Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration of life. It is mostly celebrated in the U.S.A.

Where

Kwanzaa is celebrated December 26 through January 1.

When

Kwanzaa is a holiday to commemorate African heritage, during which participants gather with family and friends to exchange gifts and to light a series of black, red, and green candles. These candles symbolize the seven basic values of African American family life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

What

Diwali



Diwali (say “de-VAH-lee”) is a holiday celebrated around the world that got its start in India.

Where

The Diwali festival, which usually starts in late October, lasts for five fun days. During these celebrations, there are lots of feasts, exchanges of special Diwali cards and gifts, fireworks, and spending time with loved ones.

When

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a major Hindu holiday that pays homage to the gods and marks the beginning of a new year. Many Hindus call upon Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity, by lighting an abundance of lamps. Not only do these lights welcome the goddess, but light is also a Hindu symbol of knowledge and everything good in the world.

What

St. Lucia Day



St. Lucia Day is celebrated in several countries in Europe. These countries include Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland.

Where

St. Lucia Day or "Saint Lucy's Day" is a holiday that is celebrated on December 13.

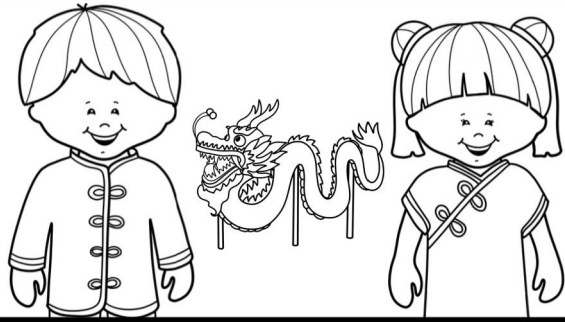
When

The holiday is in honor of Saint Lucy. On this day, young girls (mostly the oldest daughter of the house) dress like Saint Lucia in a white robe and a crown of candles. There are parades, pageants, and the girl playing Lucia serves cakes. They also sing special songs.

The Lucia celebrations also include ginger snaps and sweet, saffron-flavored buns (lussekatter) shaped like curled-up cats and with raisin eyes. People eat them with glögg or coffee.

What

Chinese New Year



The Chinese New Year isn't just celebrated in China. Other East Asian and Southeast Asian countries — such as Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Mauritius and the Philippines — celebrate, as well. It is also popular in Chinatown districts around the world.

Where

It falls on different dates each year, between January 21 and February 20.

When

The Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. Visits to friends and family take place during this celebration. According to the Chinese calendar, the year you were born may determine your personality. Every year is represented by an animal, and legend has it that people born under each animal share certain personality traits.

What

Las Posadas



Las Posadas is a Christmas festival celebrated in Latin America, especially Mexico, and in Hispanic communities in the United States.

Where

The festival is celebrated for nine nights, beginning on December 16 and ending on Christmas Eve.

When

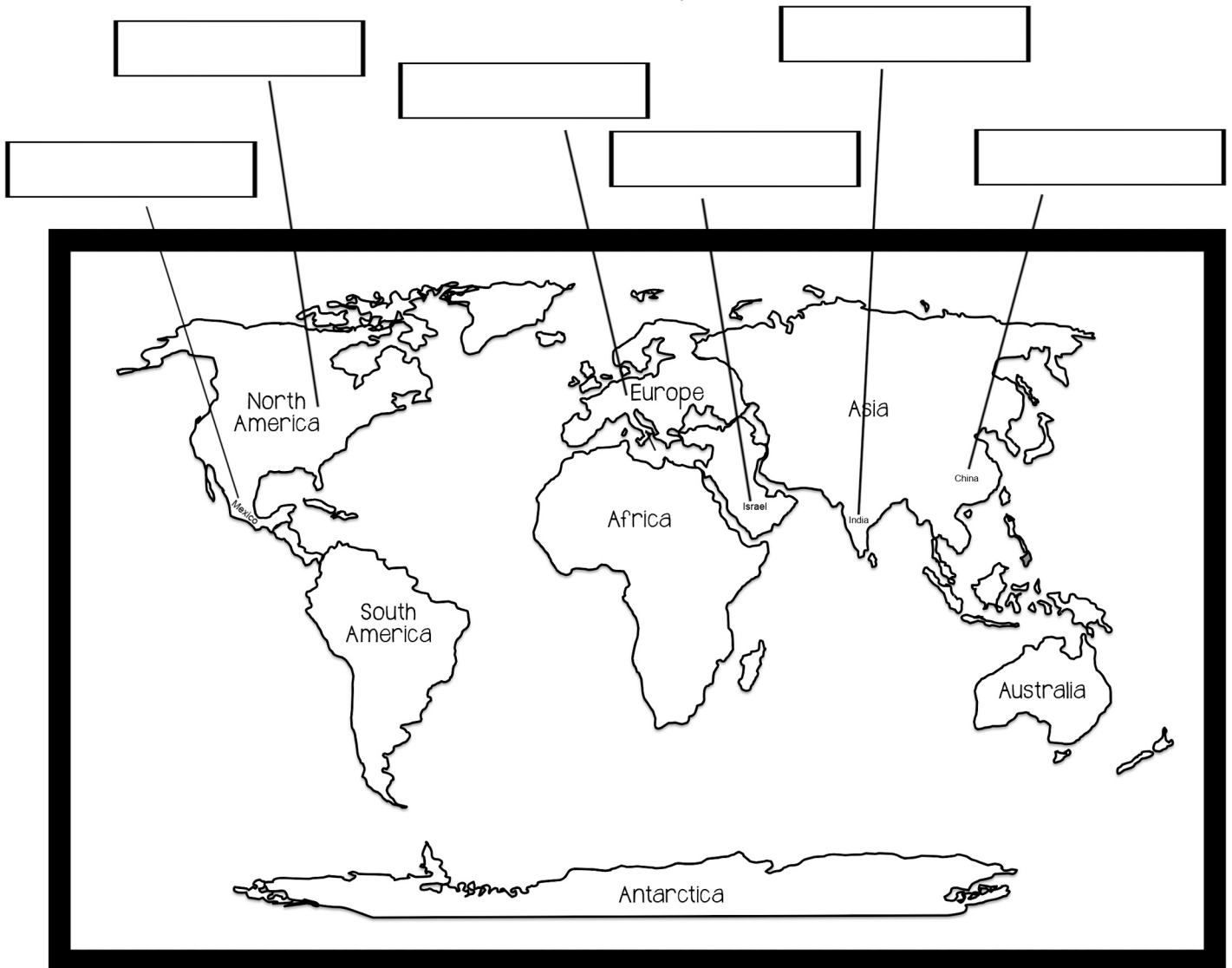
Each night of Las Posadas begins with a procession of children. They are dressed as angels, shepherds, the Three Kings, Mary, and Joseph. They often carry lit candles and images of Mary and Joseph. Adults, including musicians, follow the children. The procession goes from place to place asking if there is room for them to stay. The hosts say no but often provide refreshments. Participants sing songs and read passages from the Bible. The procession is finally allowed entry at the last house, where there is a piñata filled with candy and toys. The piñata, usually in the shape of a star, is broken open by the children. The same process occurs every night except for the last night. The posada on the 24th is the most festive and is followed by the midnight Christmas Mass.

What

Holidays Around the World

Where is each holiday from?

Write the correct holiday in each box.



St. Lucia Day

Diwali

Chinese New Year

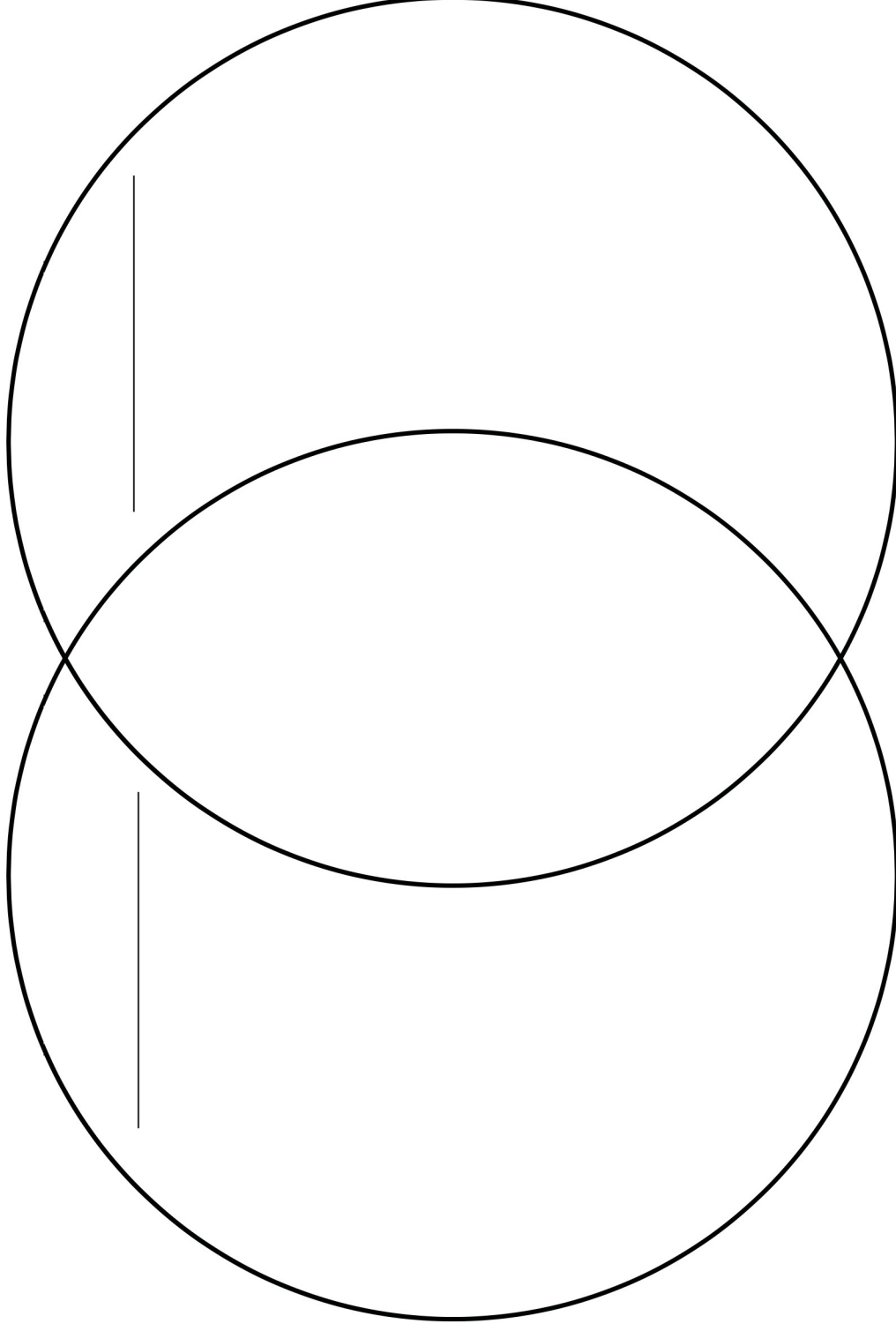
Las Posadas

Kwanzaa

Hanukkah

Compare & Contrast

Choose two holidays and write them on the lines in the circles. Fill in the diagram to show how they are similar and how they are different.



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