

Winter Holidays Around the World

A Christmas Carol is set in the context of the Christian tradition of Christmas, but there are many more winter holidays that are celebrated by other faiths and cultures around the world.

In small groups, pairs, or individually, research any winter holiday in another country and prepare a presentation for your class about that holiday. If desired, this project could also include making a traditional holiday food from that celebration, singing or playing a traditional song or selection of music from that holiday, drawing an outfit rendering or finding and showcasing photos of a garment worn during that holiday, or even preparing and including the class in a ritual or tradition that is a significant part of the celebration of your selected holiday.

Use this page to help guide your research and presentation.

The winter holiday I/we have chosen is: _____

The date, dates, or time of year this holiday occurs is: _____

Where in the world, or among what group of people, is this holiday celebrated? _____

Why is this holiday celebrated? Is it a religious celebration, a cultural celebration, or both?

What foods or drinks, if any, are associated with the tradition of this holiday?

What other rituals or traditions are significant to this holiday? Consider clothing, colors, music, gifts or goods exchanges, ceremonies, activities, items used or needed in the celebration, mood (solemn, lively, etc), and community (is this holiday celebrated individually, in families, or as a larger community? Is there a community-building or charitable component to it?). What is interesting or significant about this holiday?
