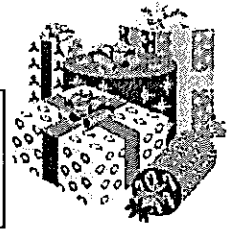


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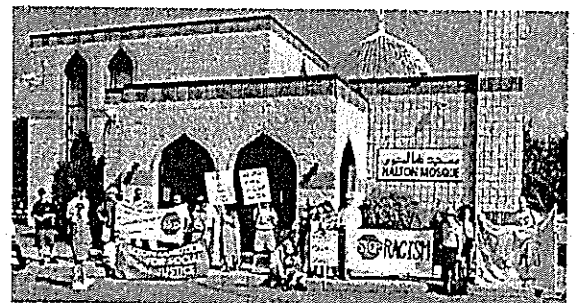
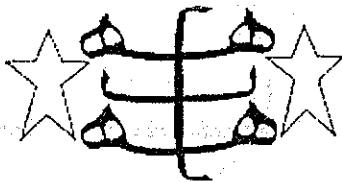
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A Seasonal Celebration Guide

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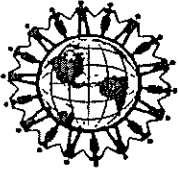
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Thank you for your assistance in making school a wonderful and safe place for all children to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

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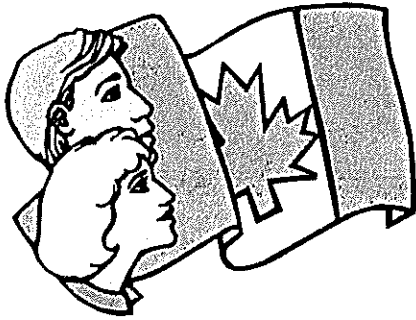
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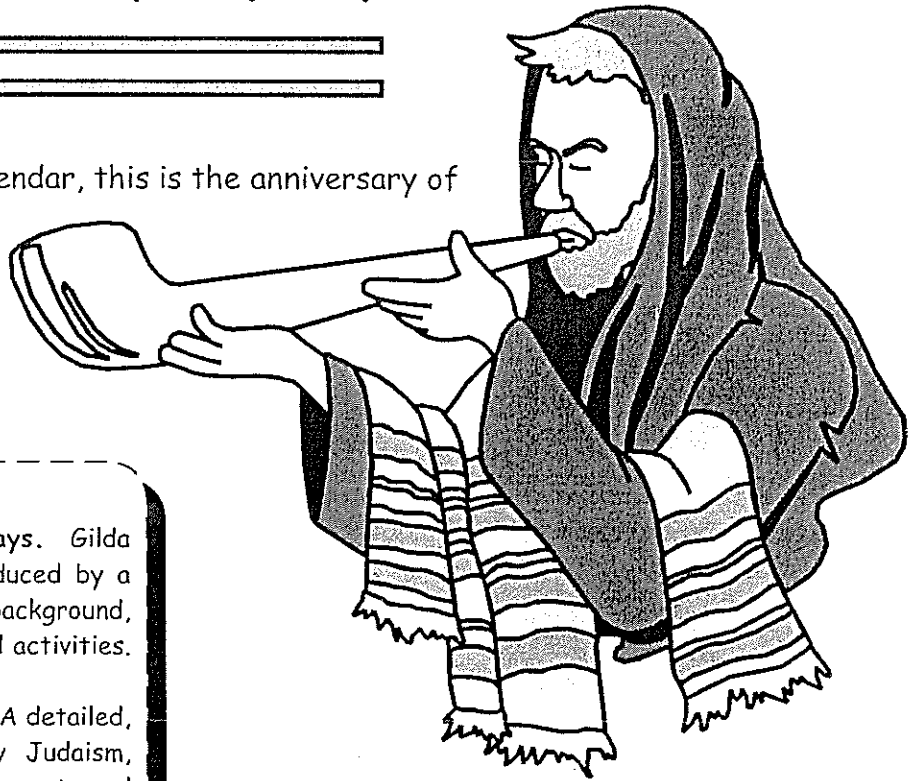
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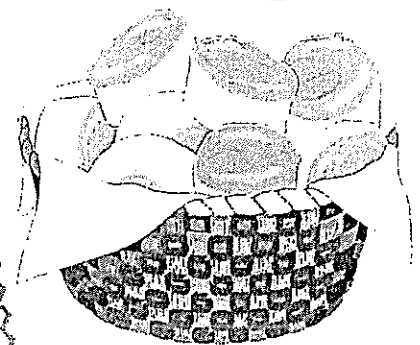
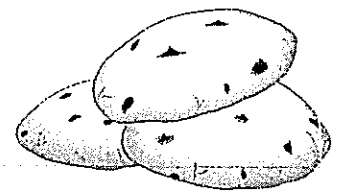
Rosh Hashanah

New Year's Day on the Jewish calendar, this is the anniversary of the creation of the world, celebrated through prayer and sweet foods, many of which are made from honey.



Related Resources:

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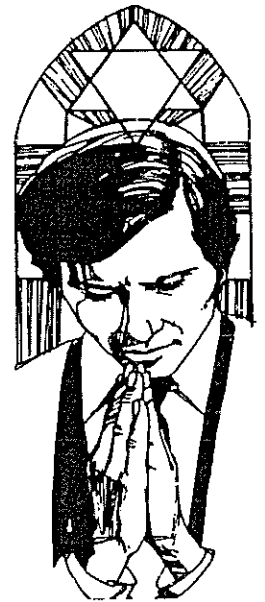
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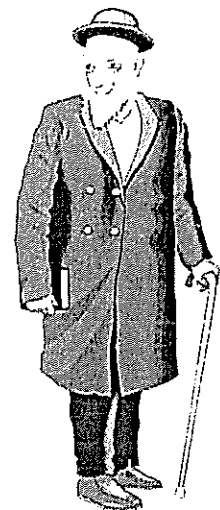
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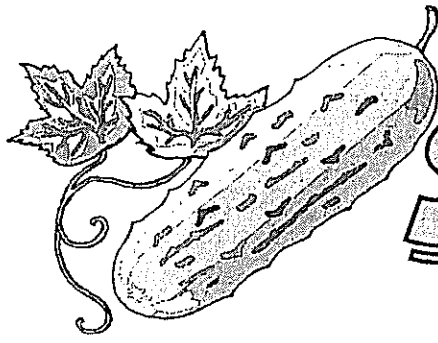
The holiest day of the year under Jewish religion, on which people ask forgiveness of those they have harmed, and forgive those who have harmed them in order to then be able to ask forgiveness of God.



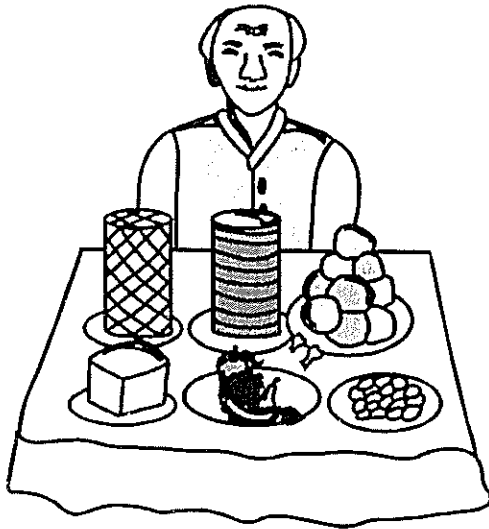
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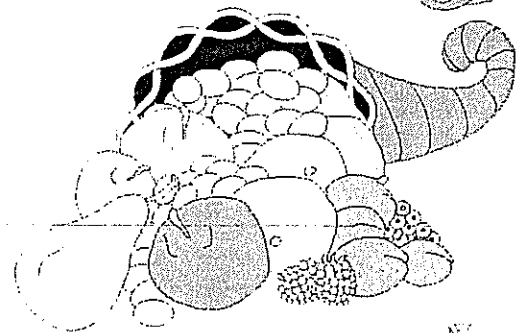
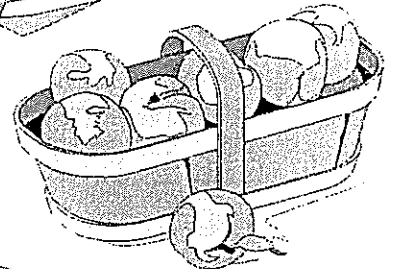
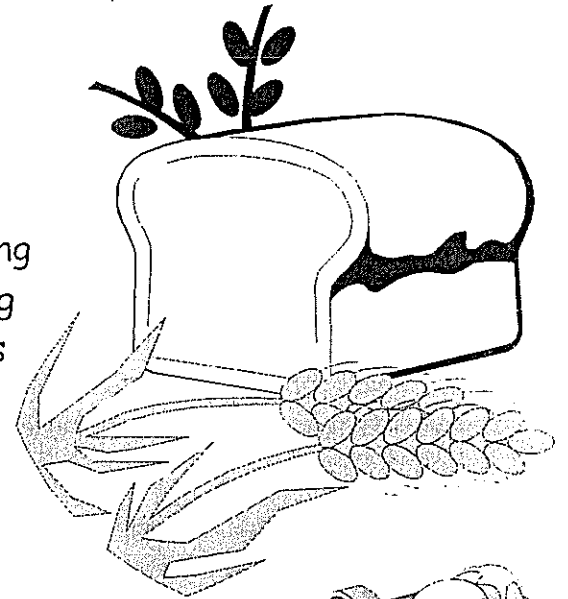
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SUKKOT



Jewish feast lasting eight days, during which God's presence is celebrated, and thanks is given for the harvest.

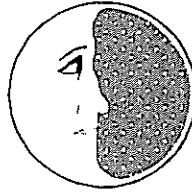
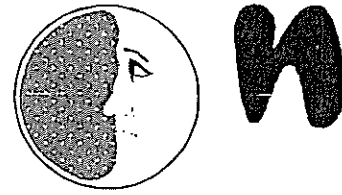


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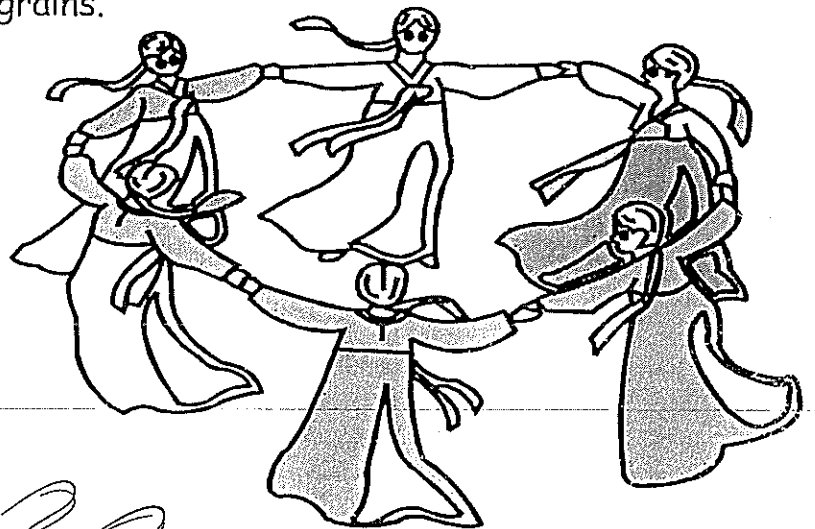
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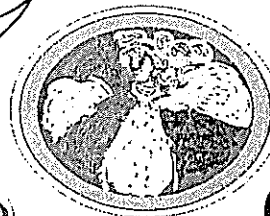
M Festival

Chinese festival also called the Mid-Autumn Festival, originally celebrating the harvest, now honouring the beauty of the moon itself, and the legends that surround it. This festival is also celebrated in Korea as "Harvest Moon" or "Chusok", and is complemented by memorial services for ancestors, family visits, dancing, and feasts which emphasize grains.

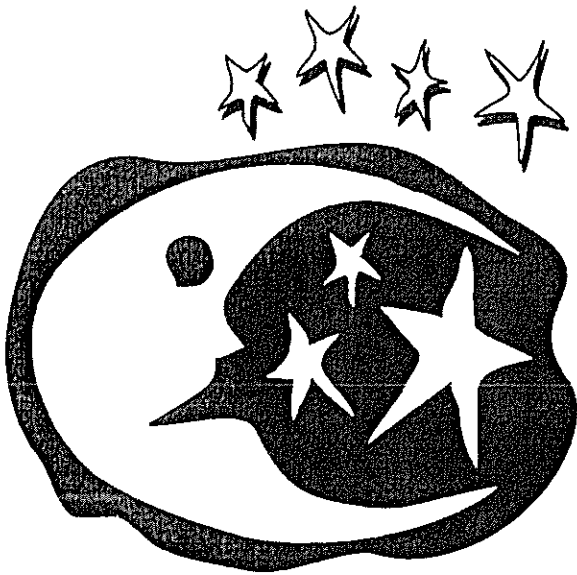


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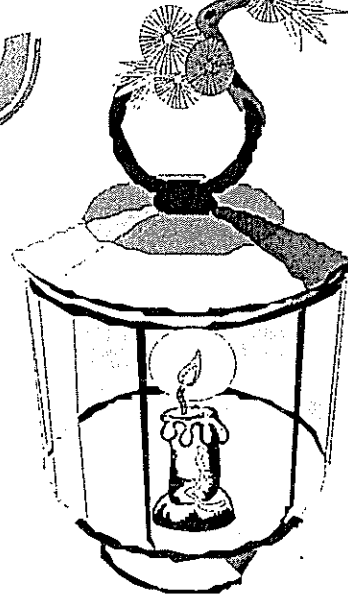


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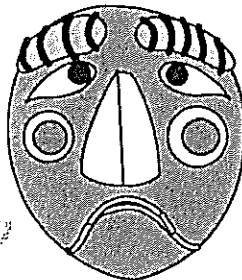
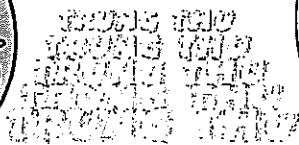
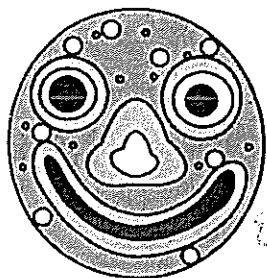
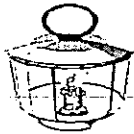
TRUNG THU

Vietnamese festival celebrating the beauty of the moon, as well as the memory of dead relatives. It is celebrated using masks, lanterns, and special moon cakes.



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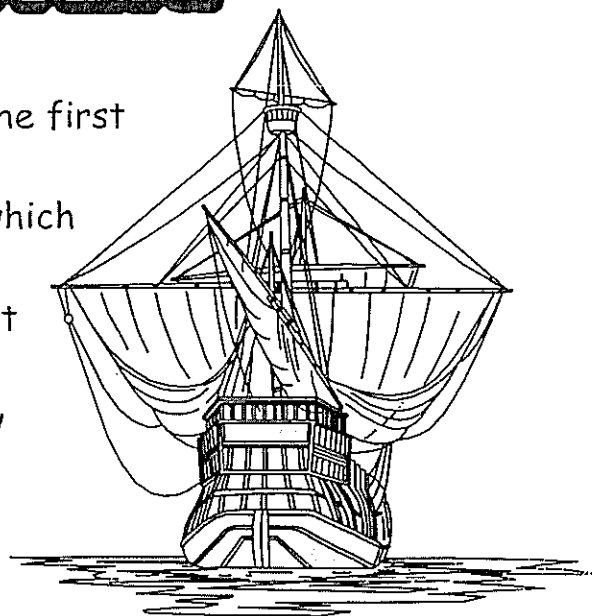
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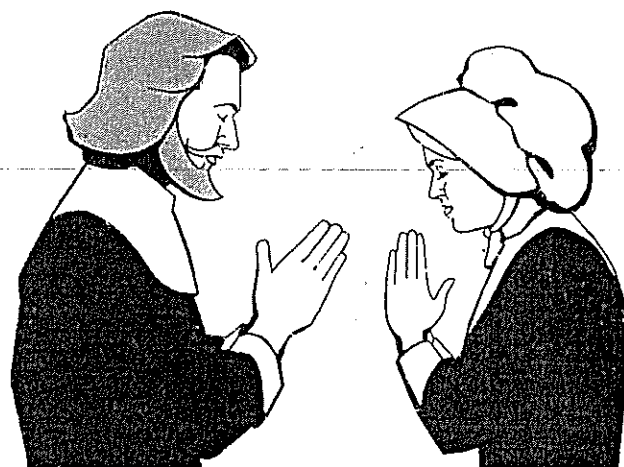
Family celebration marking the first harvest of the early North American settlers, during which they gave thanks for surviving

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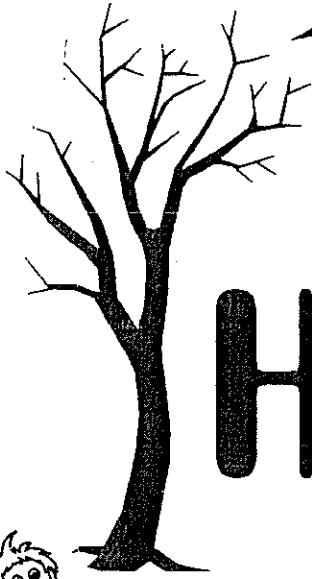


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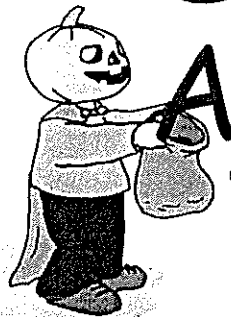
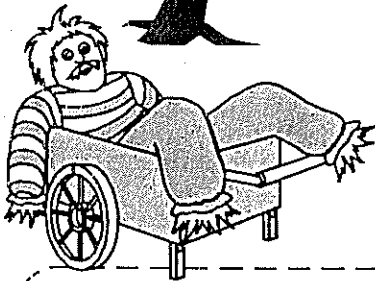
- *Thanks for Thanksgiving.* Heather Patterson. Pictures and text celebrate not only the holiday, but the beauty of autumn. Grade level: primary. 819.154 PAT.
- *Festival Decorations.* Anne Civardi. Contains crafts relating to a multitude of celebrations from around the globe, grouped by theme, and including many projects pertaining to the harvest. Grade level: primary/junior. 745.5941 CIV.
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- *Paper - Cutting Stories for Holidays and Special Events.* Valerie Marsh. Short stories to read aloud are accompanied by paper cutouts to photocopy and fold along with the story, in order to create related paper figures. Grade level: primary. 394.26 MAR.
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- *Thanksgiving Day in Canada.* Krys Val Lewicki. This colourfully illustrated story explains the origins of Canadian Thanksgiving, as a girl's grandparents share with her their holiday traditions. Includes words and music to an original Thanksgiving song. Grade level: primary-junior. 394.2649 LEW.



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Halloween



ncient festival based on the Celtic celebration Samhain, which marked the end of summer, and during which it was thought evil spirits roamed the earth, causing trouble.



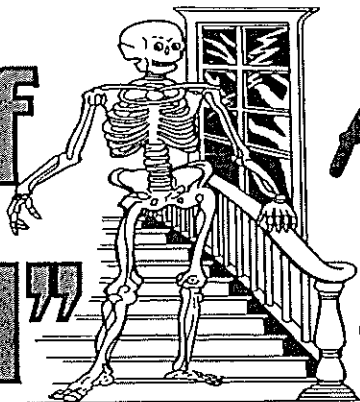
Related Resources:

- *The Trip*. Ezra Jack Keats. Colourfully illustrated story of a young boy named Louie spending Hallowe'en in a new neighbourhood, and discovering his imagination. Grade level: primary. E KEA.
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- *A Calendar of Festivals*. Cherry Gilchrist. A collection of illustrated stories relating the origins of cultural celebrations from around the world, including the Celtic legend "The Halloween Changeling". Grade level: all ages. Not catalogued.

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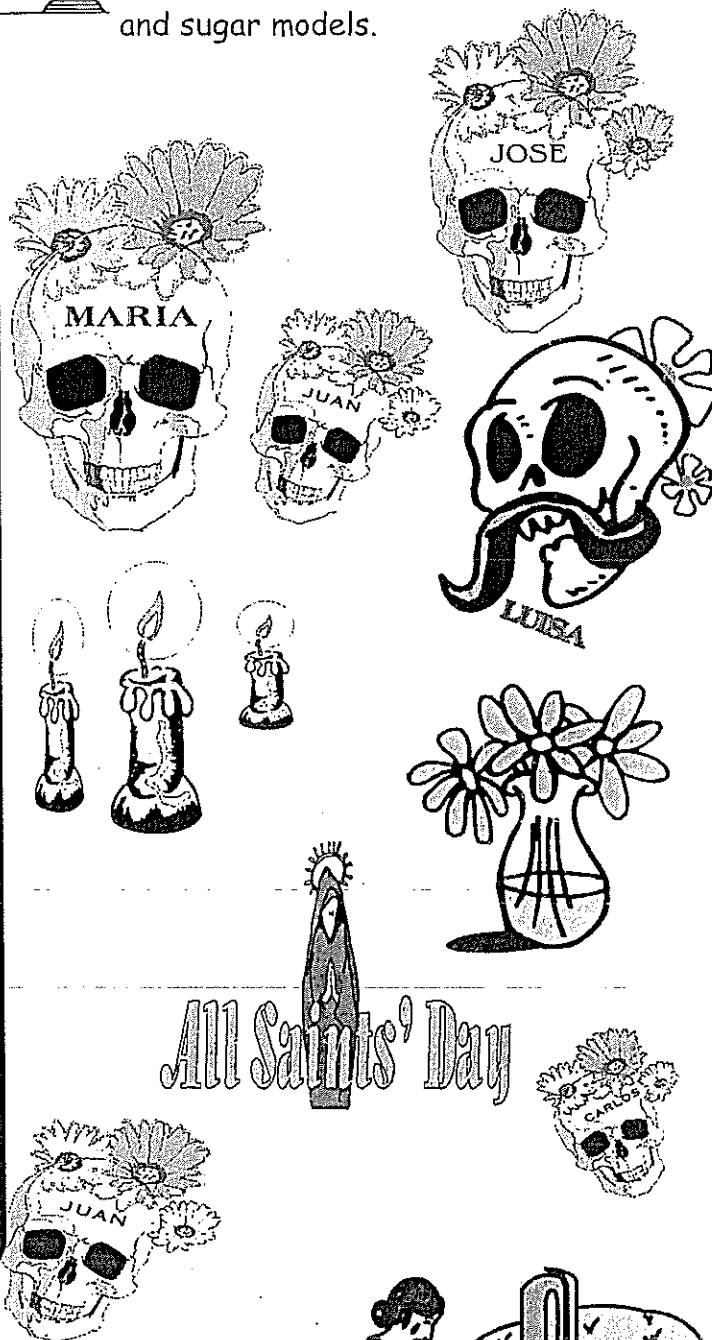
"Days of the Dead"



Also known as "All Saints' Day" and "All Souls' Day", these are joyous and lively Mexican festivals during which families pray for the souls of their dead relatives to return for one night, by constructing altars in homes and cemeteries and decorating them with food, candles, flowers, and sugar models.

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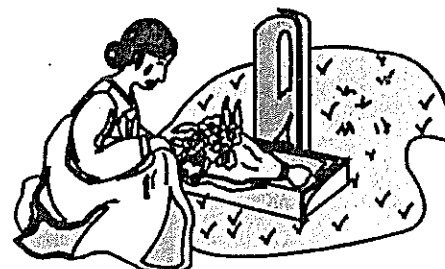
- *Day of The Dead*. Diane Hoyt Goldsmith. Thoroughly explains the origins of the festival while following a real Mexican-American family as it prepares for the celebration, highlighting the text with colour photographs of these preparations. Grade level: junior and up. 394.264 HOY
- *Days of The Dead*. Kathryn Lasky. Large colour photographs help to create a festive atmosphere, while informative text explains the celebration of "Los Días de Muertos". Grade level: junior and up. 394.264 LAS.
- *Maria Molina and The Days of The Dead*. Kathleen Krull. Tells the story of a young Mexican girl celebrating the festival with her family, and learning the true meaning of the holiday when she leaves her homeland to move to the United States. Also includes a recipe for "Pan de Los Muertos", the special bread made only at this time of year. Grade level: primary/junior. E KRU.
- *Hands-on Celebrations*. Yvonne Y. Merrill. Gives detailed instructions for creating multicultural art projects based around numerous festivals, as well as brief descriptions of each celebration, and vibrant colour photographs of the finished crafts, such as skeleton marionettes for The Day of The Dead. Grade level: all ages. 745.5941 MER.
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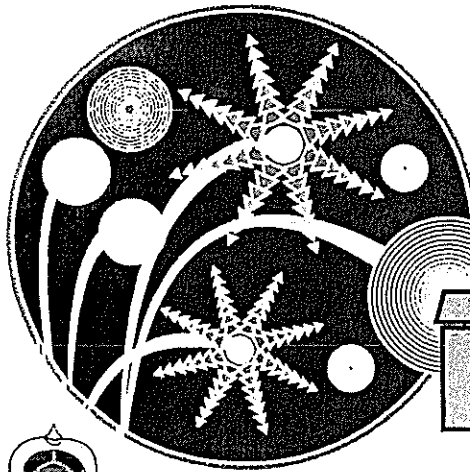


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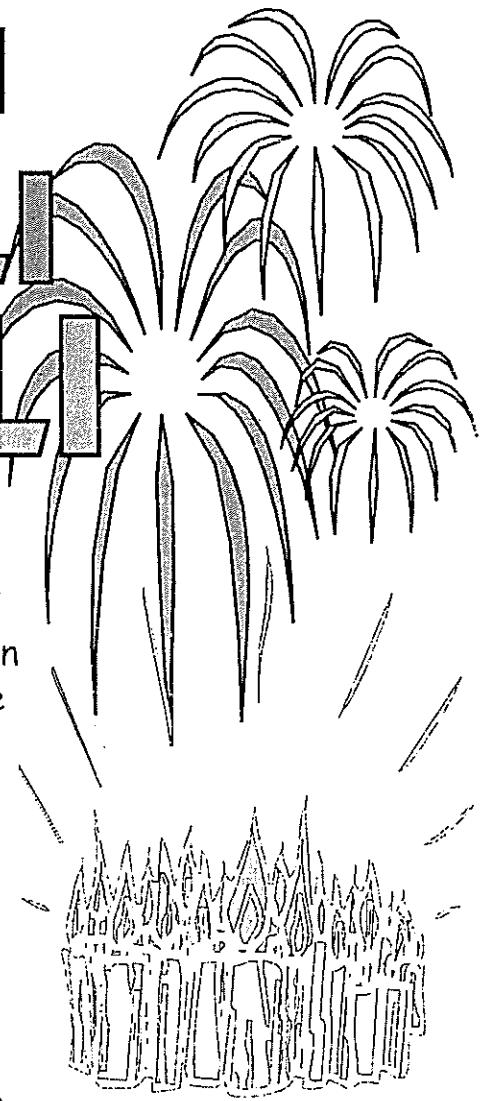


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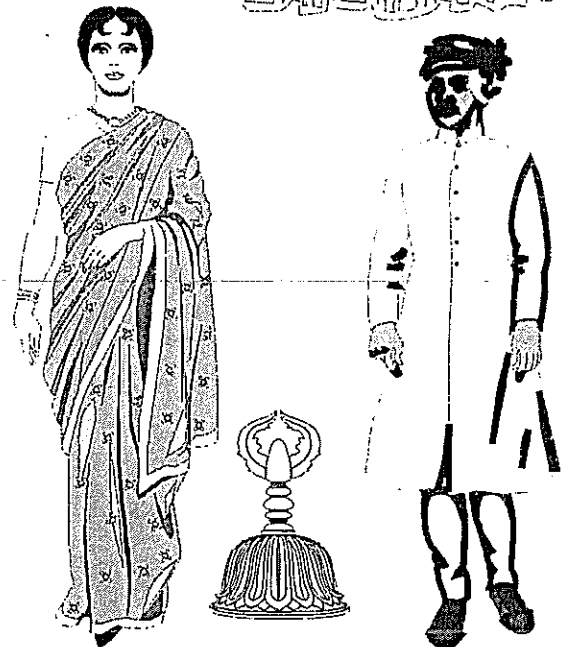


Hindu festival lasting two days during which dozens of tiny clay lamps called "diye" are placed throughout homes in order to welcome the god Rama, and Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity.



Related Resources:

- *Diwali*. Chris Deshpande. Colour photographs follow children as they prepare for Diwali and celebrate the festival. Also includes suggestions for related activities. Grade level: primary/junior. 394.26294536 DES.
- *Lights for Gita*. Rachma Gilmore. Tells the story of a young Hindu girl spending Diwali in her new home in Canada for the first time. Grade level: primary-junior. E GIL.
- *Celebrations of Light*. Nancy Luenn. Takes the reader around the world introducing key festivals of light from a wide range of cultures, each accompanied by a colourful illustration. Grade level: all ages. 394.26 LUE.
- *International Winter Festivals*. Marilyn G. Barr. Provides patterns to be photocopied and simple instructions for making a variety of cut-and-paste decorations pertaining to celebrations from around the globe, including Diwali. Grade level: primary/junior. 394.26 BAR.
- *Global Art*. Mary Ann F. Kohl. Contains hundreds of artistic projects divided first by continent, and then by country or culture, including Diwali Alpanas, stencils used to create coloured sand patterns on sidewalks. Grade level: all ages. 372.50440973 KOH.
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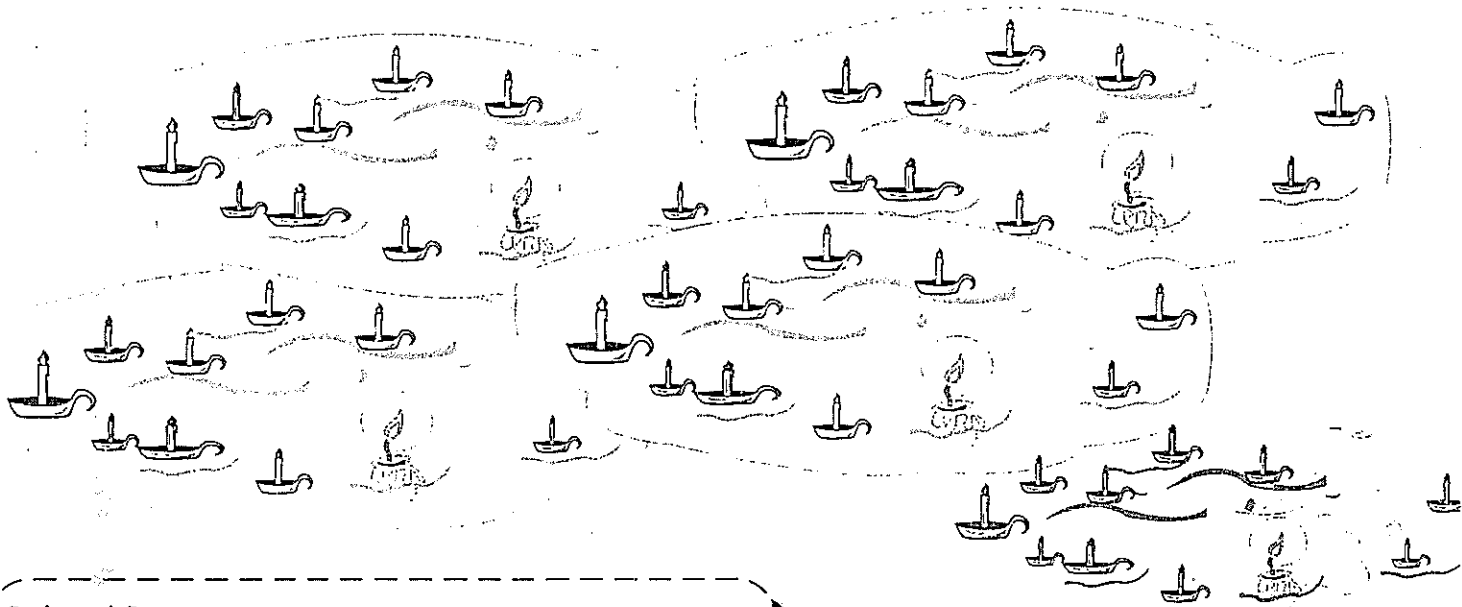


LOY KRATHONG



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hai festival for giving thanks to the mother of waters, *Me Khongkha*, celebrated by floating "krathongs", bowls made of paper or leaves and holding incense, flowers, and candles, in lakes or rivers.



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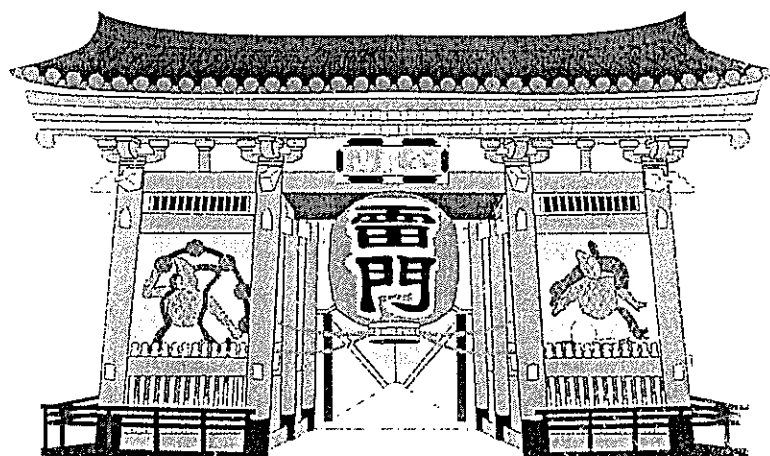


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SHICHI-GO-SAN

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Japanese celebration for children who are seven (shichi), five (go), or three (san) years old, during which they dress up in their best clothes and go to shrines, followed by parties, and gifts from friends and family.



Related Resources:

- *Japan-The Culture*. Bobbie Kalman. Describes all aspects of life in Japan, delving into its history, as well as its modern culture with the aid of colour photographs. Grade level: all ages. 952 KAL
- *Cultural Awareness for Children*. Judy Allen, Earldene McNeill and Velma Schmidt. Provides an overview of a variety of cultures, touching not only on celebrations, but art, science, geography, language, technology, music, drama, clothing, family life, and activities. Grade level: all ages. 372.97642812 ALL
- *Japanese Fairy Tales*. Iwaya Sazanami's. This book of Fairy Tales tells a story about Japanese fairy tales. Grade level: Junior. 398.210952 SAZ

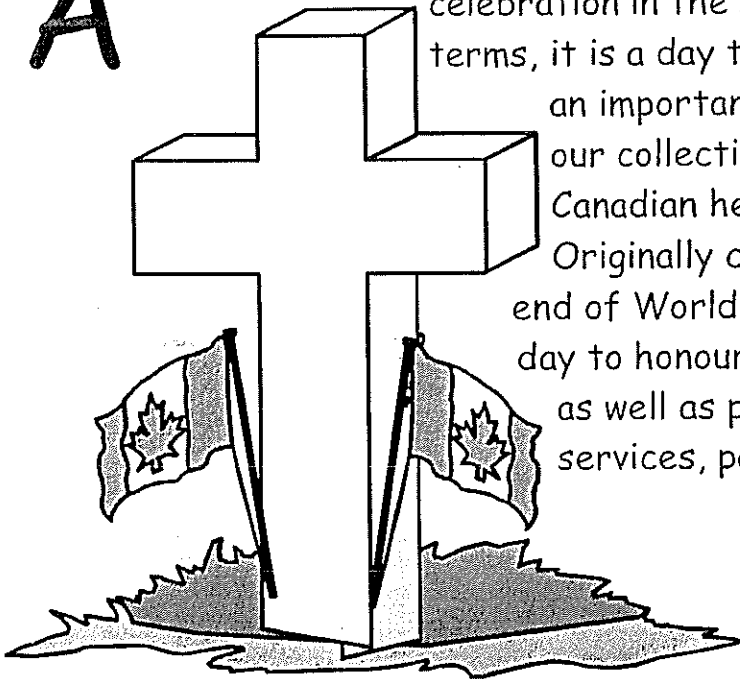
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Although Remembrance Day is not a cultural celebration in the strictest terms, it is a day to honour an important part of our collective Canadian heritage.

Originally commemorating the end of World War I, it is now a day to honour Canadian veterans of all military conflicts, as well as peacekeeping missions, through memorial services, parades, and the wearing of poppies.



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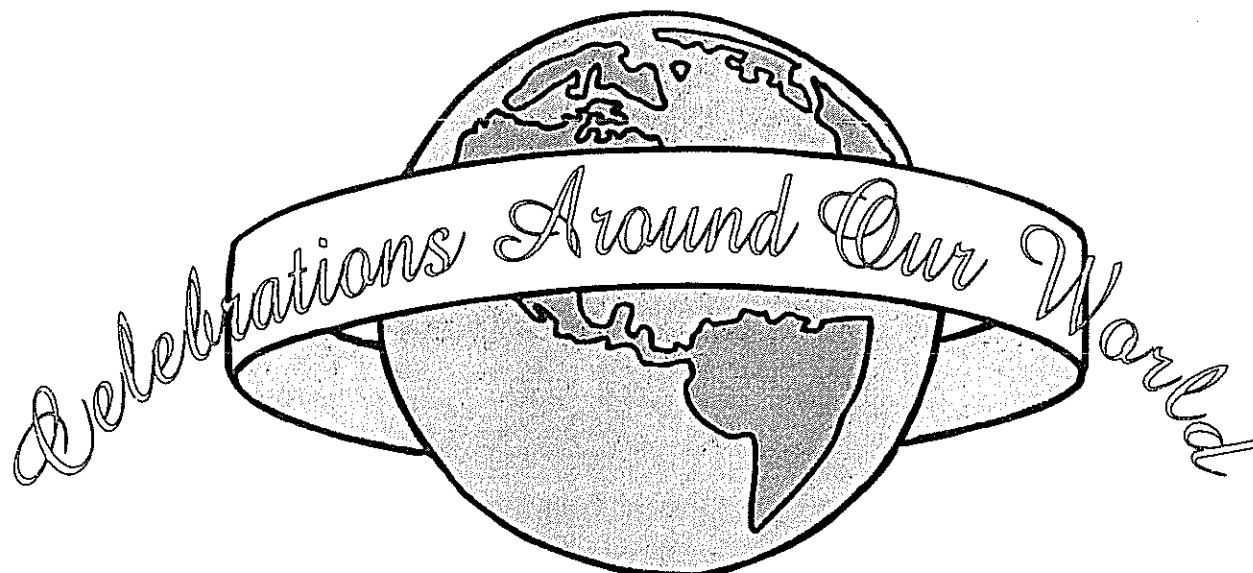
- *In Flanders Fields*. Linda Granfield. Features the poem by John McCrae, accompanied by text describing the poet's experiences and those of other soldiers, as well as haunting paintings which bring the horrors of war to life. Grade level: junior and up. 819.152 GRA.
- *Celebrating Our Cultures*: Barbara Dumoulin and Sylvia Sikundar. Contains language activities, such as poetry and story writing, crossword puzzles, and vocabulary exercises, all of which may be photocopied for classroom use. Grade level: primary-intermediate.

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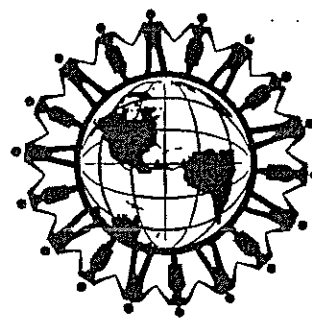
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For Other Multicultural Autumn Fun, Check Out:

- *Let's Celebrate*. Caroline Parry. An excellent resource book describing these, as well as lesser known multicultural festivals celebrated in Canada throughout the year.



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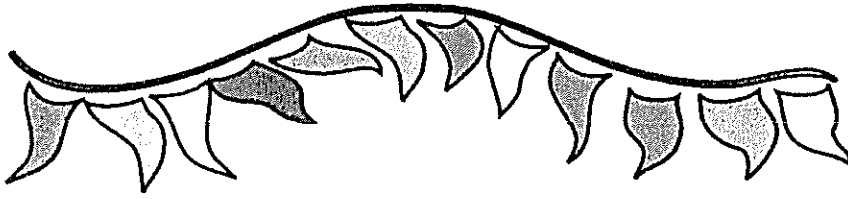
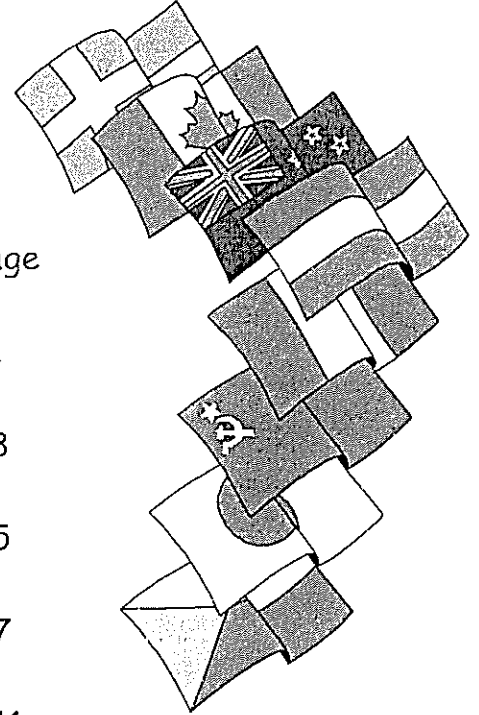
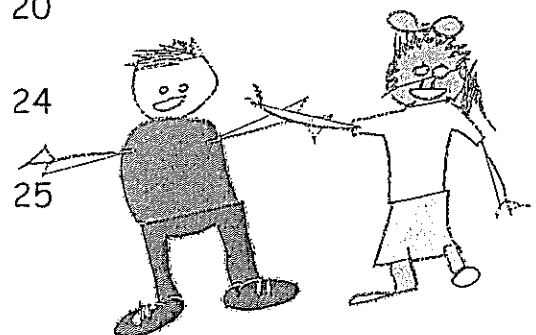


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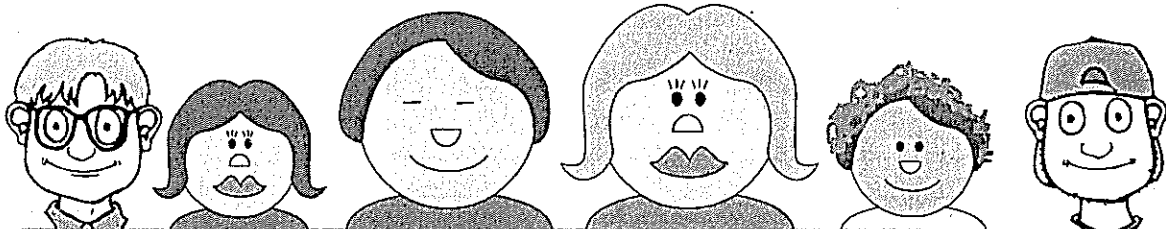


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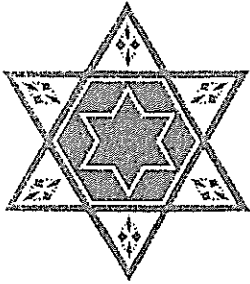
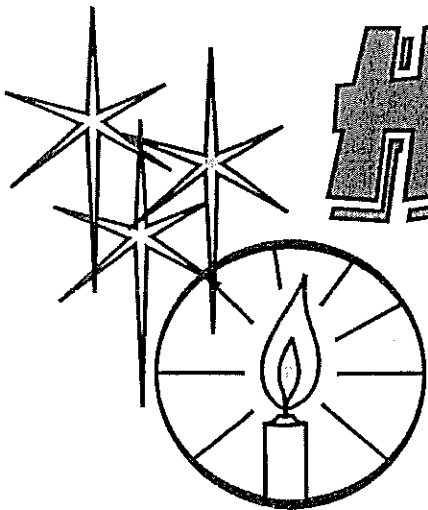
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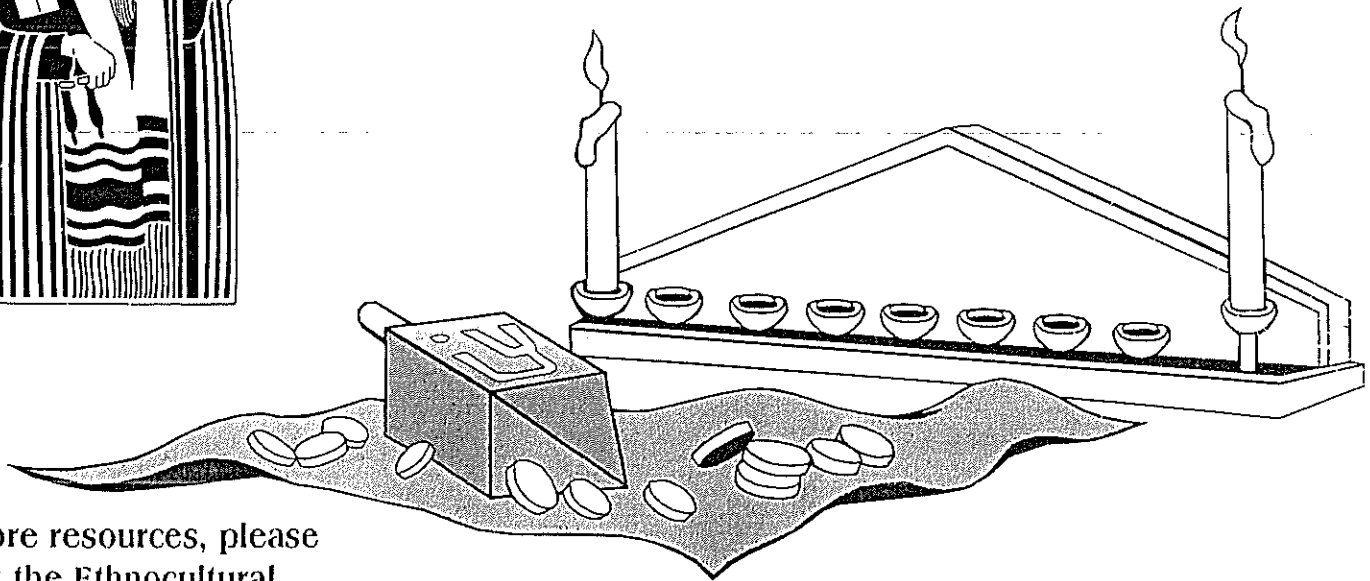
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HANUKKAH

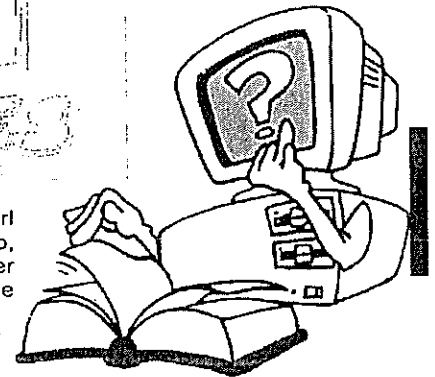


*A*n eight-day Jewish celebration commemorating the recapture and cleansing of the Temple of Jerusalem, which centres around the lighting of the "hanukkiya", an eight-branched candlestick, with one more candle being lit each night. This represents the eight days that oil miraculously burned in the temple.



For more resources, please visit the Ethnocultural Resource Centre

HANUKKAH RELATED RESOURCES



HANUKKAH CELEBRATION BOX

296.435 HAN
Kit containing candles and candle holder, cookie cutters, stencils, rubber stamps of Hanukkah symbols, a book describing one child's Hanukkah experiences, and much more to bring the holiday into the classroom.
Grade Level: primary-junior

HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS

Eric Kimmel
E KIM
The engaging story of a Jewish man who must bring Hanukkah back to a village by defeating the evil goblins who haunt its synagogue.
Grade Level: primary-junior

JENNY AND THE HANUKKAH QUEEN

Jean Little
E LIT
Joyously illustrated story of a young Jewish girl whose mother tells her about the Hanukkah Queen when she is disappointed about not being visited by Santa Claus.
Grade Level: primary-junior

LATKES AND APPLESAUCE

Fran Manushkin
E MAN
A softly illustrated story of a family, longago, whose members adhered to the spirit of Hanukkah, and thus miraculously had potatoes and apples to feast upon, in spite of heavy snow.
Grade Level: primary-junior

ARIELLE AND THE HANUKKAH SURPRISE

Devra Speregen and Shirley Newberger
E SPE
Tells the story of a girl who is finally old enough to light a Hanukkah candle by herself, but fears she will lose her turn when her grandfather comes to visit.
Grade Level: primary-junior

CELEBRATE! STORIES OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

Gilda Berger
296.43 BER
Each Jewish celebration is introduced by a biblical story, which is followed by historical background, methods of observance, and fun recipes and activities.
Grade Level: all ages

WHAT IS A JEW?

Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer
296 KER
A detailed, yet easy to read guide to contemporary Judaism, explored through a question-and-answer format, and addressing the faith's fundamental principles, as well as practical modern concerns.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

THE ELEMENTS OF JUDAISM

Brian Lancaster
296 LAN
Explores in great depth the faith's origins, principles, and implications, while also addressing its role in a modern context.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

CELEBRATING HANUKKAH

Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
296.435 HOY
The origins and meaning of the holiday are explained by an

eleven year old girl from San Francisco, who also shares her family's favourite Hanukkah customs.
Grade Level: junior

CELEBRATIONS OF LIGHT

Nancy Luenn
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Takes the reader around the world introducing key festivals of light from a wide range of cultures, each accompanied by a colourful illustration.
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Grade Level: primary

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH

Lisa Rojany
296.435 ROJ
A fun, pop-up version of the story of Hanukkah, the perfect introduction to the festival of lights.

THE UGLY MENORAH

Marissa Moss
E MOSS
Easy reader story about Hanukkah, brings the spirit of the holiday out in everyone!

HANUKKAH

Anne Clark, David Rose, Gill Rose. Austin, Tex.: Raintree
ISBN/ISSN: 0817246142 - 32 p.: Col. Ill.; 28 cm.
296.4 CLA
Examines the traditions and celebrations associated with the Jewish festival of lights.

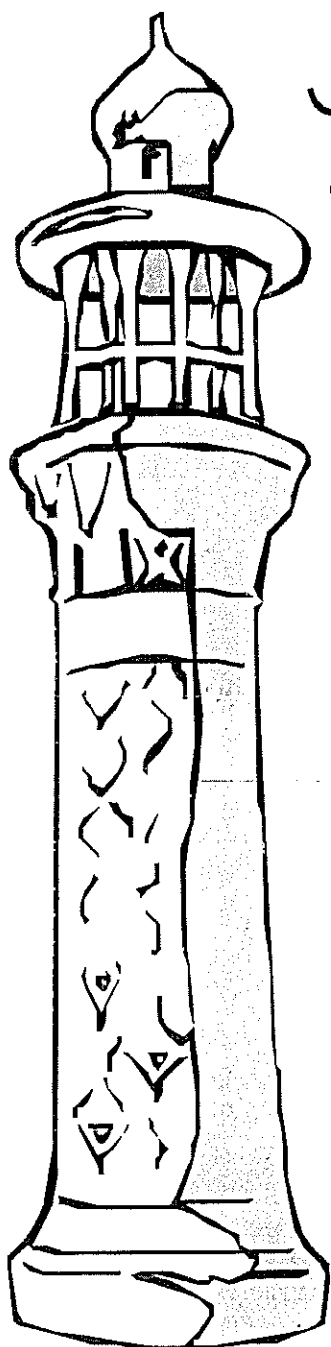
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Introduces the eight key holidays of the Jewish year, including the seven major annual holidays and the weekly holiday of the Sabbath, exploring the background, meaning, and celebration of each.



RAMADAN

A holy month under the Islamic religion during which Muslims fast each day from dawn until sunset.



Related Resources

BETTER THAN A THOUSAND MONTHS

Hassaun Ali Jones-Bey
297.362 JON

A story based on the real experiences of an American Muslim family celebrating Ramadan, highlighted with excerpts of Muslim scripture.

Grade Level: intermediate and up

MAGID FASTS FOR RAMADAN

Mary Matthews
F MAT

An engaging story complemented with watercolour illustrations, describing one family's Ramadan experiences.

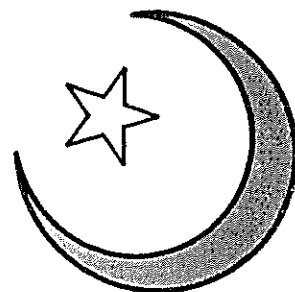
Grade Level: junior

THE ELEMENTS OF ISLAM

Shaykh Fadhlalla Haeri
297 HAE

Explored in great depth the faith's development and principles, while also addressing its role in a modern context.

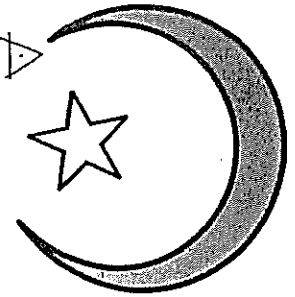
Grade Level: intermediate and up



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RAMADAN

MORE RELATED RESOURCES



A 16TH CENTURY MOSQUE

Fiona MacDonald, Mark Bergin
297.65 MACD

This book gives an in depth look at the life in a mosque.
Grade level: junior/intermediate

MUSLIM MOSQUE

Umar Hegedus
297.351 HEG

This book describes the everyday life of a Muslim. This book also has information of the Muslim fast of Ramadan.
Grade level: junior

THE THREE MUSLIM FESTIVALS

Aminah Ibrahim Ali
Illustrated by Aldin Hadzic
297.36 ALI

This book tells separate stories about the Muslim festivals such as Ramadan, Eid-Al-Fitr and Id Al-Adha.
Grade level: primary/junior

SCIENCE IN THE EARLY ISLAMIC CULTURE

George Beshore
509.17671 0902 BES

This book provides information on scientific discoveries and advancements in the Islamic world after the birth of Mohammed in 570 and their impact on western civilization today.
Grade level: intermediate

RAMADAN

Suhaib Hamid Ghazi
Illustrated by Omar Rayyan
297.362 GHA

This book describes the celebration of the month of Ramadan by an Islamic family and discusses the meaning and importance of this holiday in the Islamic religion.
Grade level: junior/intermediate

RAMADAN MUBARAK! HAPPY RAMADAN!

Suzanne Muir
3.297.362 MUI

A rhyming CD ROM story about the Islamic fast of Ramadan and Eid-Al-Fitr.
Grade level: K-grade

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ISLAM?

Shahrukh Husain
Illustrated by Celia Hart
297 HUS

This book gives a complete look into the life as a muslim.
Grade level: junior/intermediate

ARABIAN NIGHTS

780.892971 ARA

This cassette has many songs from the world of Islam.
Grade Level: JK-senior

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF IBN BATTUTA

Written and illustrated by Noura Durkee
910.92 IBN DUR

This book introduces the famous Moroccan traveller - the Marco Polo of the East to young children and presents some of the more amazing and enchanting events of the medieval Islamic world.
Grade level: primary/junior

HATTIN 1187: SALADIN'S GREATEST VICTORY

David Nicolle
956.014 NIC

This book tells the story of those momentous months - the campaign leading to the disastrous Crusader defeat at Hattin—and the Muslim Capture of Jerusalem.
Grade level: Senior

SAMIRA'S EID

E AKT

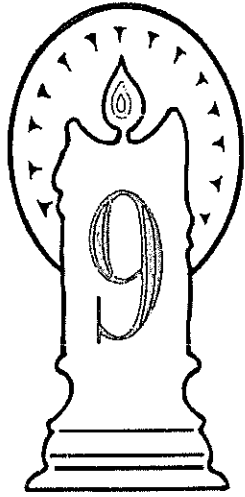
Nasreen Aktar and Enebor Attard

This book tells a story about Ramadan and what happens after Ramadan.
Grade level: primary

TRAVELLERS AND EXPLORERS

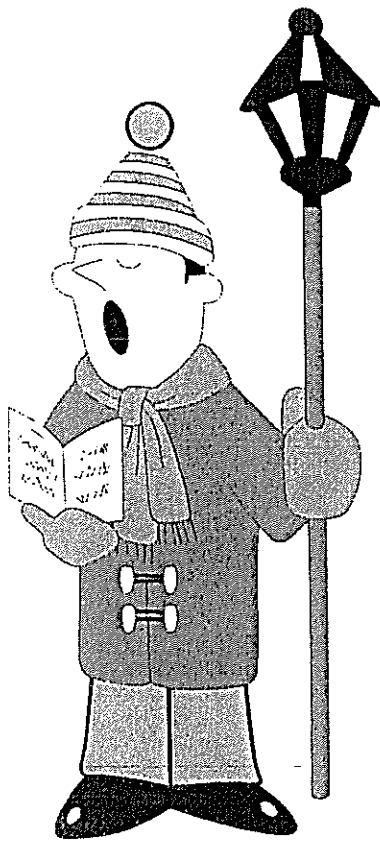
Igra Trust
915.041 TRA

This book introduces some of the many Muslim travellers and explorers who lived during the Middle Ages.
Grade level: intermediate

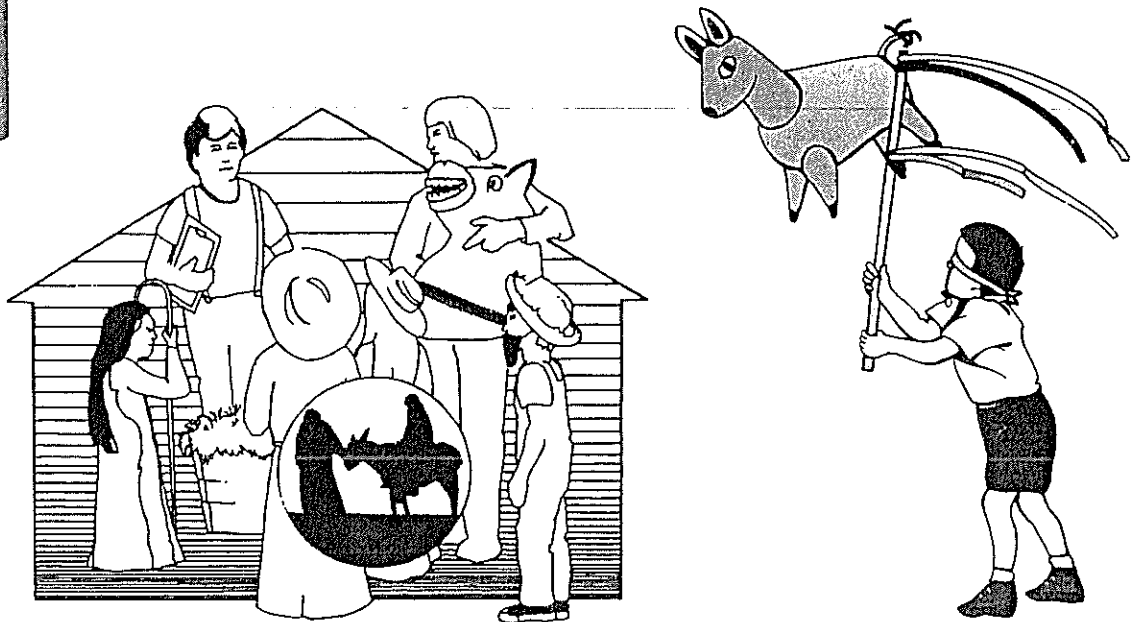


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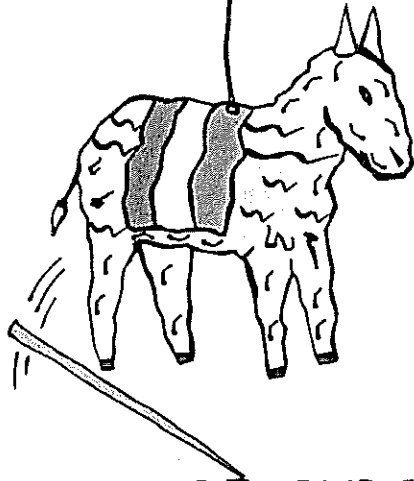
A nine day celebration previous to Christmas Day (December 16 to 24) in Mexico and Spain. "Posadas" in the English language means "Lodgings" or "Inns". The celebration portrays Mary and Joseph and the story of their journey to find a shelter on their way to Bethlehem.



Families, friends and neighbours visit different homes caroling with lighted candles until they are welcome in one of them. Feast continues and traditional food is prepared for these festivities. Children enjoy breaking the "piñata" which contains Christmas candies, fruits and lots of treats and surprises! It is a joyful celebration for everyone!



Posadas



RESOURCES AVAILABLE

LEARNING ABOUT CULTURES

John Gust and Meghan McChesney

370.117 GUS

Literature, Celebrations, Games And Art Activities. A great resource illustrating and explaining celebrations by different cultures around the world. Shows amazing and easy to follow instructions to create art crafts and games.

Grade level: 3-6

INTERNATIONAL WINTER FESTIVAL

Marilynn G. Barr

394.26 BAR

Projects And Patterns For Holiday Gifts, Greetings, Ornaments, Decorations And Classroom Display. Children are introduced to the celebrations and traditions of other cultures on each of the continents through a collection of patterns and activities.

Grade level: primary

THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA (A Mexican Legend)

Tomie dePaola

398.24 DEP

MEXICO: THE CULTURE

Bobbie Kalman

972 HAL

A colorful depiction of Mexican culture with interactive games, recipes, and crafts. Appropriate for junior grades.



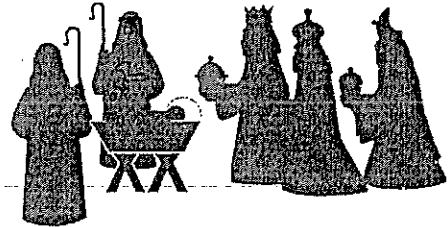
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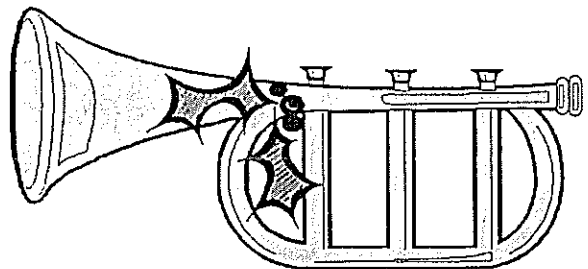


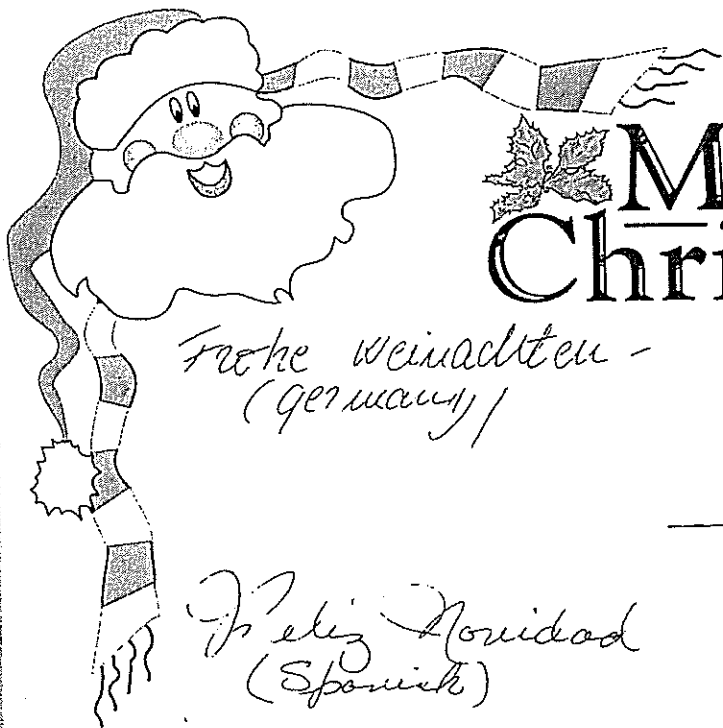
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celebration
commemorating
the birth of Jesus
Christ through church
services, carolling,
feasting, and the giving
of gifts.



Resources available >>>

Merry
Christmas





Merry Christmas



Freche weihnachten -
(German)

! Buon Natale!
(ITALIANO)

کریس تان مبارک
(Dari)

Feliz Navidad
(Spanish)

! Feliz Navidad!
(Spanish)

СРЕКЕЊ БОЖИК
(MACEDONIAN)

MUTLU YILLAR
(Turkish)

圣诞快乐
(Chinese)

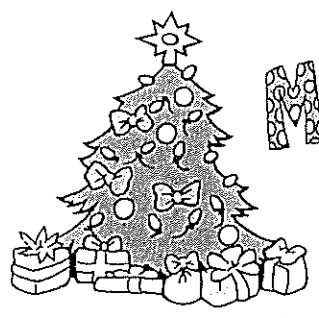
joyeux Noël!
(FRANÇAIS)

Sretan božić
(serbo-croatian)

عيد ميلاد سعيد
Arabic

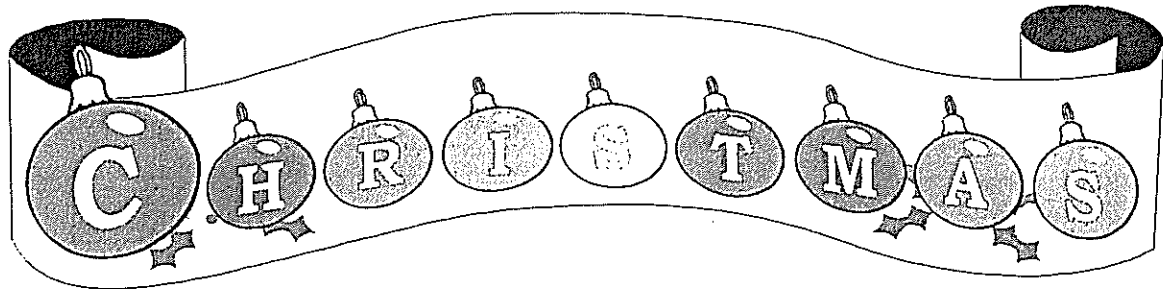
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WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT (POLISH)

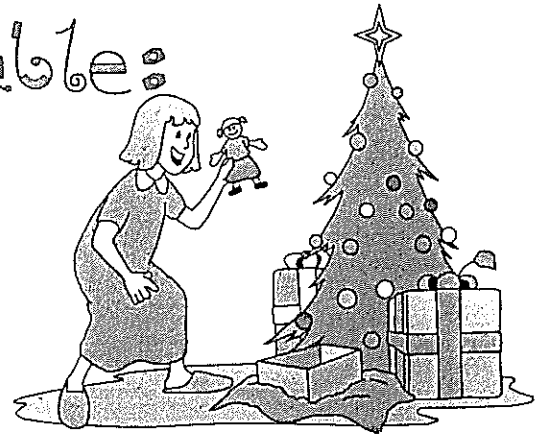


MERRY CHRISTMAS
NOËL

Contribution from Students of the English As A Second Language Class
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Resources available:



PAPA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Cheryl Harness
811.54 HAR

Subtitled "Around the World on the Night Before Christmas", this beautifully illustrated book was inspired by Clement Moore's poem, and takes the reader across the globe, giving us a glimpse into the activities of those in North America, Asia, Africa, and Europe, on Christmas Eve, 1822.

Grade Level: primary-junior

ONE HUNDRED SHINING CANDLES

Janet Lunn
E LUN

Creates the atmosphere of the woods of Upper Canada during the Christmas season of 1800, when a brother and sister decide to make the Holiday as bright and special as that described by a visiting schoolmaster.

Grade Level: primary-junior

CHITA'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
E GRE

Tells the story of a girl's anticipation of Christmas, including her search for the perfect tree.

Grade Level: primary-junior

BASEBALL BATS FOR CHRISTMAS

Michael Arvaanluk Kusugak
E KUS

Tells the story of Christmas on the Arctic Circle in 1955, highlighted by glorious illustrations.

Grade Level: junior

TOO MANY TAMALES

Gary Soto
E SOT

The richly illustrated story of a Hispanic girl who fears she may have ruined Christmas when she loses her mother's ring in a batch of tamales, and seeks her cousins' help in retrieving it.

Grade Level: primary-junior

TREE OF CRANES

Allan Say
E SAY

A touching story about an American woman bringing the joys of Christmas to her young son in Japan.

Grade Level: primary-junior

A CANDLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Jean Speare
E SPE

A Canadian story about a young boy worried that his parents will not make it home in time for Christmas.

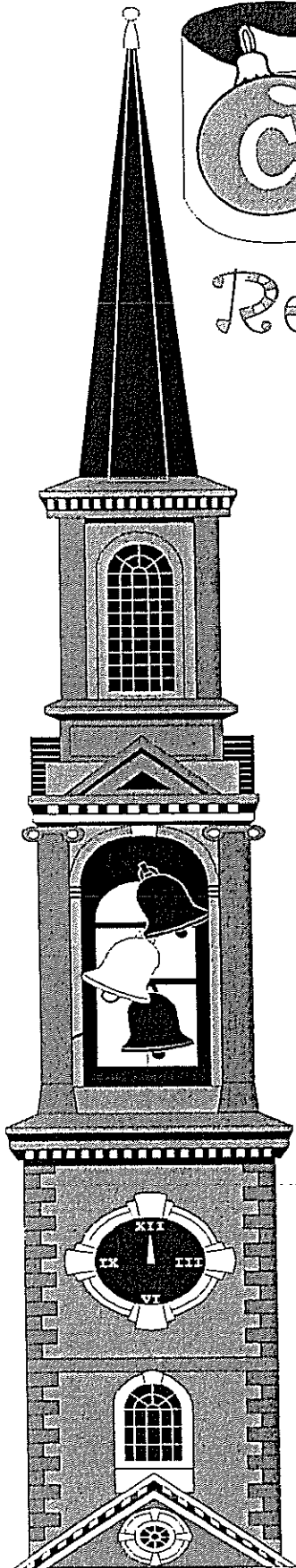
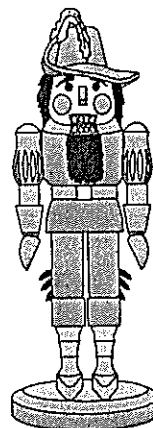
Grade Level: primary-junior

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Eve Bunting
E BUN

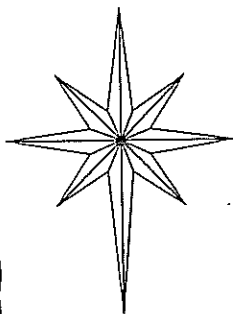
This story, illustrated with rich oil paintings, describes a seven year old girl's first trip to see "The Nutcracker" with her grandfather, a trip which her dead mother also took at her age.

Grade Level: primary





Merry Christmas



A CHRISTMAS STORY

Brian Wildsmith
E WIL

Tells the story of a girl and a donkey's journey, following Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

Grade Level: primary

THE CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

Robert Sabuda
E SAB

A door for each letter opens to reveal a three-dimensional paper representation of a Christmas-related item or theme beginning with that letter.

Grade Level: primary

A MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS

226.205201 BIB

Passages from the New Testament are presented in illuminated manuscript form, and the history of each manuscript is also outlined.

Grade Level: all ages

A CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS

Cherry Gilchrist
not catalogued

A collection of illustrated stories relating the origins of cultural celebrations from around the world, including "The Story of the Birth of Jesus."

Grade Level: all ages

CELEBRATIONS OF LIGHT

Nancy Luenn
394.26 LUE

Takes the reader around the world introducing key festivals of light from a wide range of cultures, each accompanied by a colourful illustration.

Grade Level: all ages

FESTIVAL DECORATIONS

Anne Civardi
745.5941 CIV

Contains crafts relating to a multitude of celebrations from around the globe, grouped by theme.

Grade Level: primary-junior

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Examines favourite festivals and celebrations of children around the world with the aid of vibrant colour photographs on every page.

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Provides patterns to be copied and simple instructions for making a variety of cut-and-paste decorations pertaining to celebrations from around the globe, including Christmas.

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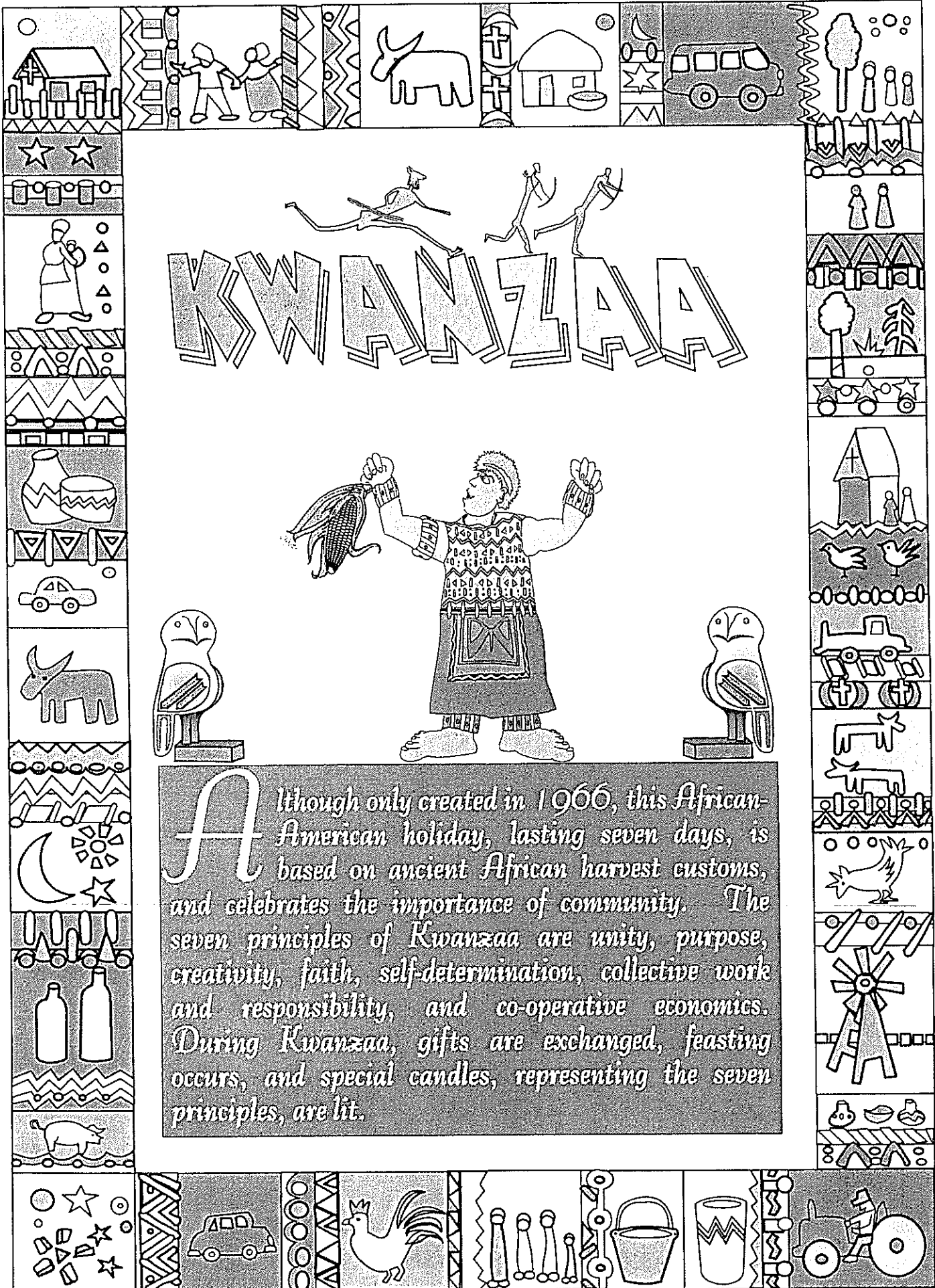
UNICEF HOLIDAY ACTIVITY MAILBOX CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

R 745.59412 COR

Postcards from all over the world with activities and a description of the holiday involved.



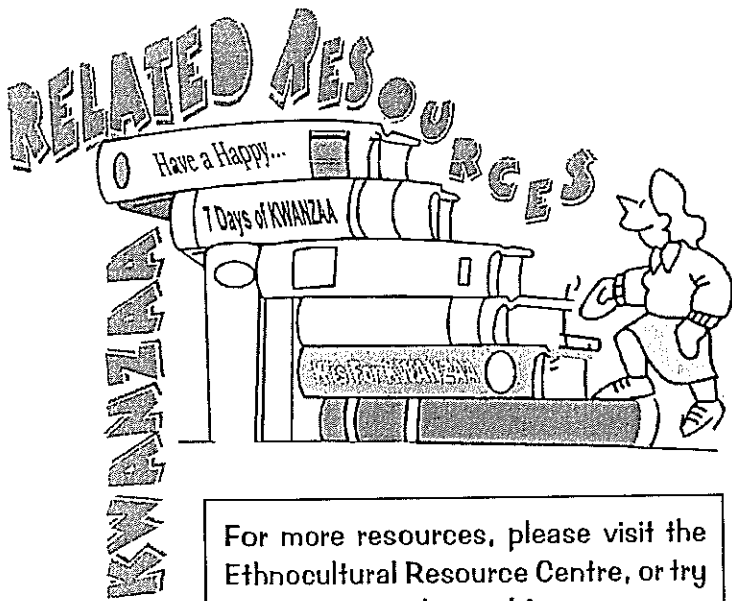
Merry Christmas from all of us!



KWANZAA



Although only created in 1966, this African-American holiday, lasting seven days, is based on ancient African harvest customs, and celebrates the importance of community. The seven principles of Kwanzaa are unity, purpose, creativity, faith, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, and co-operative economics. During Kwanzaa, gifts are exchanged, feasting occurs, and special candles, representing the seven principles, are lit.



THE SEVEN DAYS OF KWANZAA

Angela Shelf Medearis
394.26 MED

Explains the holiday's origins, as well as methods of celebration, and provides recipes and homemade gift ideas, in addition to seven brief autobiographies by famous African-Americans, each embodying one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

Grade Level: junior and up

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HOLIDAY OF KWANZAA

Maulana Karenga
394.26 KAR

The creator of Kwanzaa discusses its origins, values, symbols, and methods of observance.

Grade Level: intermediate and up

KWANZAA

Mildred Pitts Walter
394.261 WAL

The author gives a thorough explanation of the holiday, while also sharing her family's experiences, in order to inspire the reader to join in the celebration by trying the recipes, crafts, and games which are included.

Grade Level: junior and up

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK OF KWANZAA

Dolores Johnson
394.261 JOH

Encourages the celebration of Kwanzaa by everyone, whether of African-American heritage or not, and includes descriptions of heroes who embodied the principles of Kwanzaa, as well as recipes and crafts to try.

Grade Level: junior and up

CELEBRATING KWANZAA

Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
394.26 HOY

Takes the reader through each of the seven days of Kwanzaa in the life of one family in Chicago, explaining what each of the principles means.

Grade Level: junior

KWANZAA CELEBRATION BOX
394.261 KWA

Kit containing candles and candle holder, rubber stamps of Kwanzaa symbols, an illustrated story, artificial food, an African Hat, and much more to help bring Kwanzaa into the classroom.

Grade Level: primary-junior
KWANZAA!

Jill Wolf, Kate Anderson and Margaret Schryver
not catalogued

Contains recipes, folk tales, and proverbs for each of the seven days and principles of Kwanzaa, as well as colour photographs of traditional African art.

Grade Level: primary and up
THE GIFTS OF KWANZAA

Synthia Saint James
394.261 SAI

A vibrantly illustrated book which explains how Kwanzaa is celebrated, and what it means.

Grade Level: primary-junior

KWANZAA

Deborah M. Newton Chocolate
394.26 CHO

Describes many ways to celebrate Kwanzaa through the illustrated story of one African-American family.

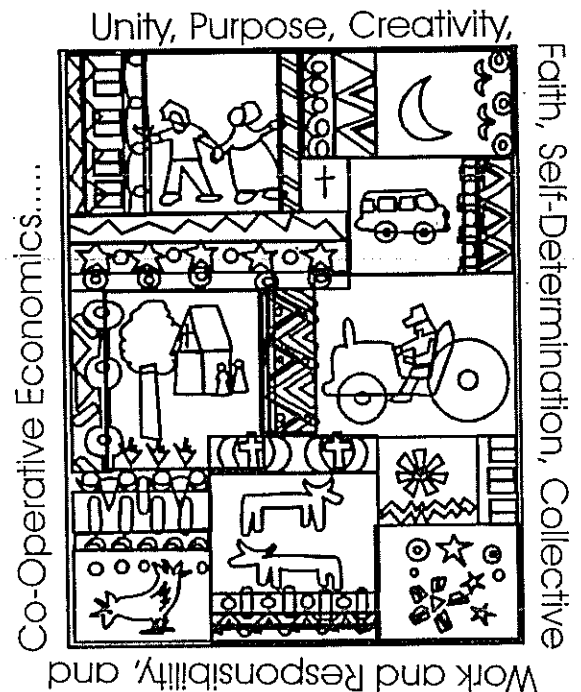
Grade Level: primary-junior

SEVEN CANDLES FOR KWANZAA

Andrea Davis Pinkney
394.268 PIN

Explains popular Kwanzaa customs with the aid of colourful illustrations

Grade Level: primary-junior



K IS FOR KWANZAA

Juwanda G. Ford
394.261 FOR

This colourful book goes through every letter of the alphabet, illustrating and describing a different Kwanzaa-related item for each.

Grade Level: primary-junior

MY FIRST KWANZAA BOOK

Deborah M. Newton Chocolate
394.26 CHO

A colourful picture book which goes through each of the seven days of Kwanzaa, explaining what the celebration means for one young boy.

Grade Level: primary

IMAN'S GIFT AT KWANZAA

Denise Burden-Patmon
E BUR

The richly illustrated story of a young girl teaching the meaning of Kwanzaa to another.

Grade Level: primary-junior

HAVE A HAPPY ...

Mildred Pitts Walter
F WAL

Short novel about an eleven year old boy discovering the very special celebration of Kwanzaa with his family.

Grade Level: junior

KWANZAA (VIDEO)

not catalogued

Viewers are exposed to the sights and sounds of Kwanzaa, as well as its seven principles, with the help of an African folk tale, and a craft.

Grade Level: primary-junior

HANDS-ON CELEBRATIONS

Yvonne Y. Merrill
745.5941 MER

Gives detailed instructions for creating multicultural projects based on numerous festivals, as well as brief descriptions of each celebration, and vibrant colour photographs of the finished crafts, such as a Kwanzaa Candelabra.

Grade Level: all ages

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Short stories to read aloud are accompanied by paper cutouts to photocopy and fold along with the story, in order to create related paper figures.

Grade Level: primary

KWANZAA A FAMILY AFFAIR

Mildren Pitts Walter
394.261 WAL

A discussion of Kwanzaa's origin and its meaning to African-Americans. It is a complete guide to creating a happy meaningful celebration.

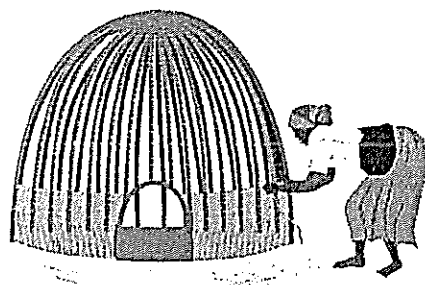
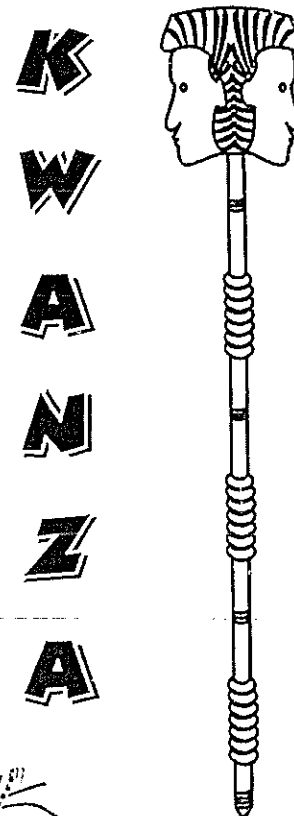
KWANZAA

David F. Marx
394.261 MAR

Introduces the history, customs, meaning, and celebration of Kwanzaa.



For more resources, please visit the Ethnocultural Resource Centre



TÊT - VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR

The most important Vietnamese holiday celebrating the New Year and the return of Spring, prepared for, through housekeeping, and celebrated with flowers and fireworks.

Related Resources:

TÊT: THE NEW YEAR
Kim-Lan Tran
ETRA

Uses the story of a boy and his father, who are away from Vietnam for Têt for the first time, to explain that holidays can be special no matter what country you are in when you celebrate them.

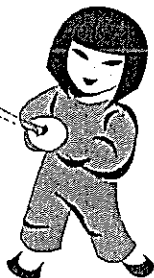
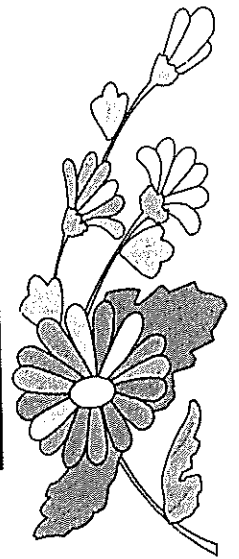
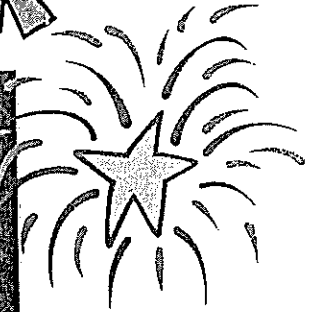
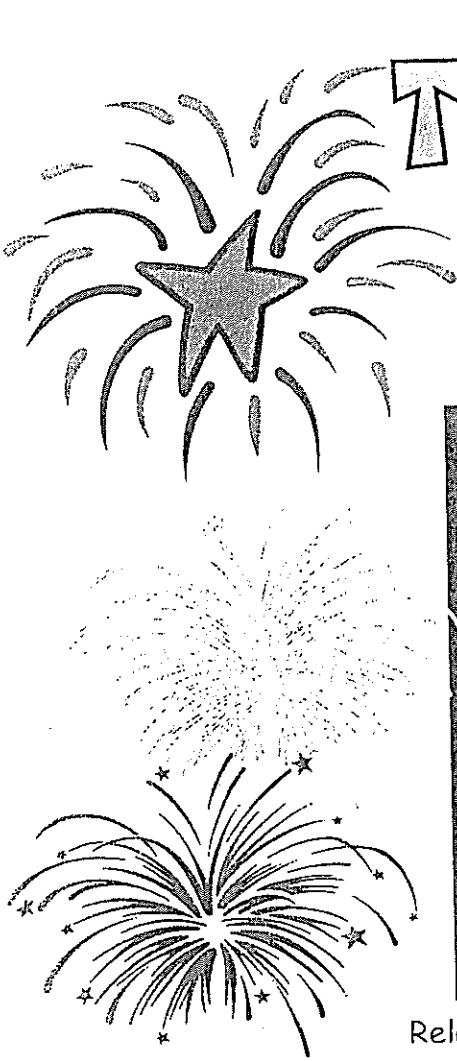
Grade Level: primary-junior

VIETNAM - THE CULTURE
Bobbie Kalman
915.97 KAL

Describes all forms of Vietnamese art, music, and drama, as well as its history, religion, foods, and celebrations, with the aid of full-colour photographs.

Grade Level: all ages

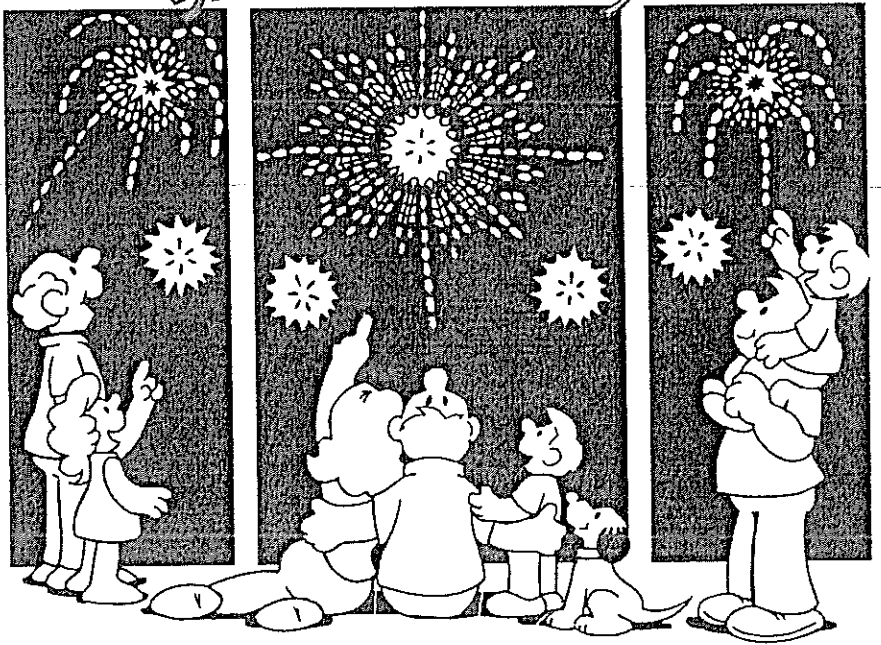
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NEW YEARS DAY

Celebration all over the world on January 1st, marking the beginning of another year. On December 31, 1999, the whole world will celebrate the end of a century and the beginning of a new millennium! Fireworks, parties, music, food and family and friends together are part of this great celebration!

Happy New Year!
W W W W



Resources available 



Resources available:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Emery Bernhard
298.2614 BER

Describes and illustrates different New Year's customs from around the world, while also pointing out the similarities between the various cultures.

Grade Level: junior

A CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS

Cherry Gilchrist
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A collection of illustrated stories relating the origins of cultural celebrations from around the world, including "The Story of the Birth of Jesus", the Russian folk tale of, "Father Frost", an important figure in that country's New Year's festivities.

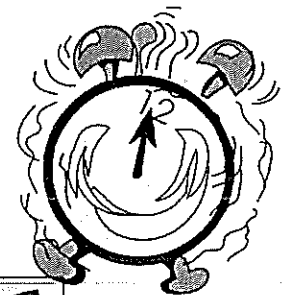
Grade Level: all ages

FESTIVAL DECORATIONS

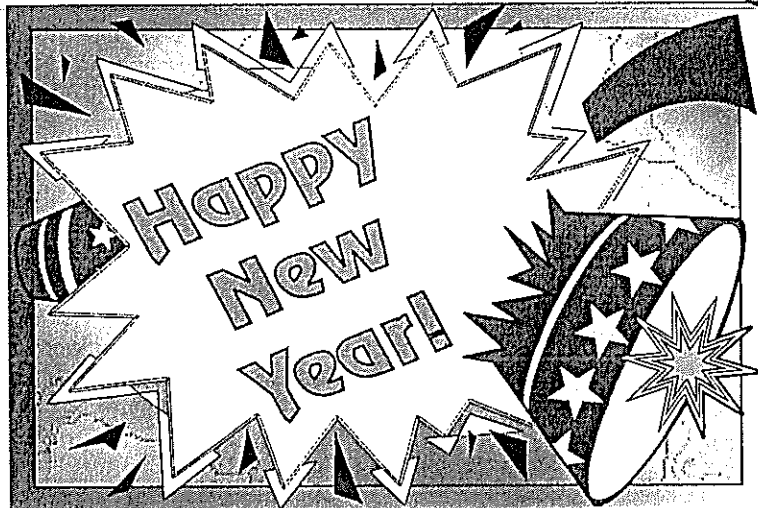
Anne Civardi
745.5941 CIV

Contains crafts relating to a multitude of celebrations from around the globe, grouped by theme.

Grade Level: primary-junior



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Centre





EID UL-FITR

Islamic festival celebrating
the end of Ramadan with a
three-day feast.



RELATED RESOURCES:

EID UL-FITR
Susheila Stone
297.26 STO

Follows a young boy as he prepared for the holiday both at school and at home, and suggests enrichment activities.

Grade Level: primary-junior

FESTIVALS
Meryl Doney
745.5941 DON

Celebrations spanning many different cultures by theme, featuring related activities, such as a Chinese Dragon Toy, with clear instructions and diagrams. Includes instructions for making Eid Cards

Grade Level: junior

THE ELEMENTS OF ISLAM
Shaykh Fadhalla Haeri
297 HAE

Explored in great depth the faith's development and principles, while also addressing its role in a modern context.

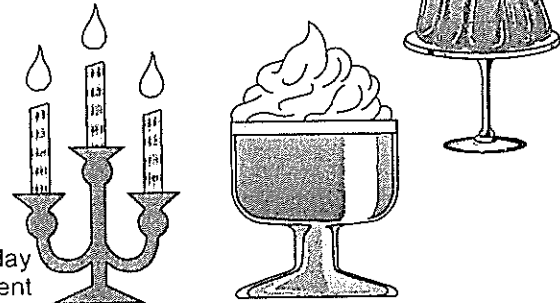
Grade Level: intermediate and up

CELEBRATIONS!
Anabel Kindersley
394.2 KIN

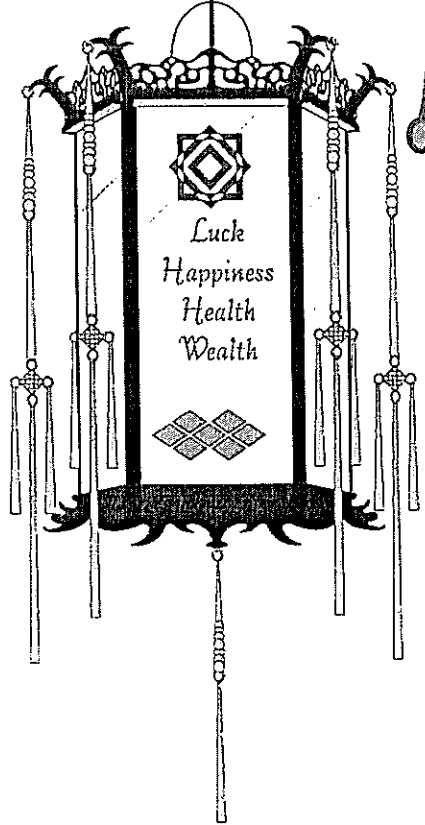
Examines favourite festivals and celebrations of children around the world with the aid of vibrant colour photographs on every page.

Grade Level: all ages

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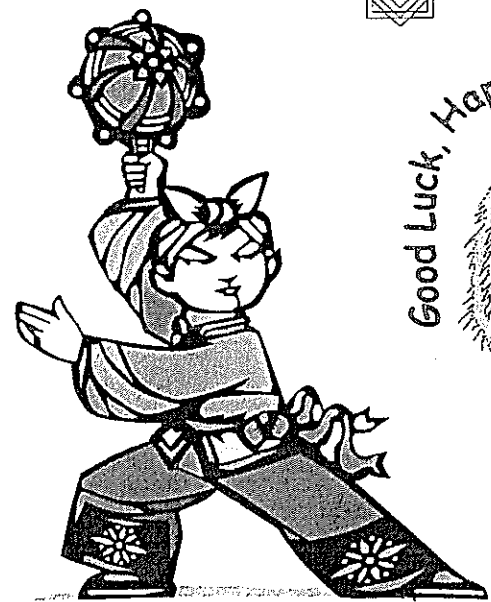
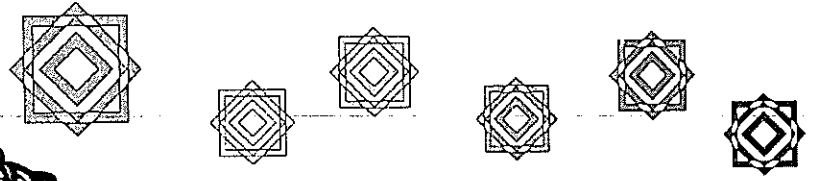
Chinese New Year

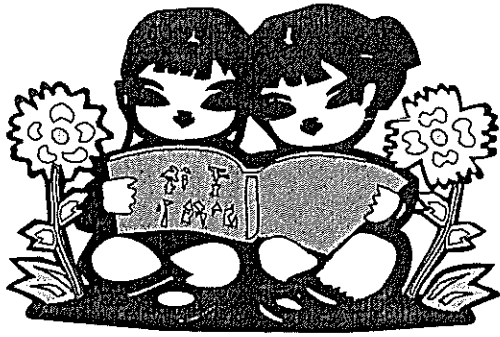


Celebration lasting fifteen days, meant to bring luck, happiness, health, and wealth for the coming year, and featuring feasts and colourful processions.



Resources available >>>





Resources available:



恭賀新禧
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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION BOX 394.2614 CHI

Kit containing a miniature Chinese lantern, dragon finger puppet, chopsticks, a fan, rubber stamps, an illustrated story, and much more to bring Chinese New Year into the classroom.

Grade Level: primary-junior

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
394.261 HOY

Describes all aspects of Chinese New Year as celebrated by one family in San Francisco, including feasting, parades, gifts, and the honouring of ancestors, with the aid of colourful photographs on nearly every page.

Grade Level: junior and up

DAT'S NEW YEAR

Linda Smith
394.26 SMI

Follows a family as it celebrates Chinese New Year in Great Britain, outlining the preparations and festivities, and also suggesting related activities.

Grade Level: primary-junior



LION DANCER

Kate Waters and Madeline Slovenz-Low
394.26 WAT

Full colour photographs help bring to life one boy's anticipation of performing his first Chinese New Year Lion Dance through New York City.

Grade Level: primary-junior

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Demi
394.261 DEM

This colourful and intricately illustrated book outlines all the things which must be done to ensure a happy Chinese New Year.

Grade Level: all ages

SAM AND THE LUCKY MONEY

Karen Chinn
E CHI

This story of a young Chinese-American boy deciding how to spend his New Year's gift money.

Grade Level: primary-junior

DRAGON FEET

Marjorie Jackson
E JAC

Story about one Chinese family's New Year celebrations, culminating in a trip into town to watch the Good Luck Dragon parade down the street.

Grade Level: primary

CHINESE NEW YEAR (VIDEO)

394.261 CHI

Brings the viewer into the vitality of New Year's Festivities in Chinatown, and also includes a Chinese folk tale and dragon craft.

Grade Level: primary-junior

FESTIVALS

Meryl Doney

745.5941 DON

Groups celebrations spanning many different cultures by theme, featuring related activities, such as a Chinese Dragon Toy, with clear instructions and diagrams.

Grade Level: junior

CELEBRATIONS OF LIGHT

Nancy Luenn

394.26 LUE

Takes the reader around the world introducing key festivals of light from a wide range of cultures, each accompanied by a colourful illustration.

Grade Level: all ages

CELEBRATIONS!

Anabel Kindersley

394.2 KIN

Examines favourite festivals and celebrations of children around the world with the aid of vibrant colour photographs on every page.

Grade Level: all ages

HANDS-ON CELEBRATIONS

Yvonne Y. Merrill

745.5941 MER

Gives detailed instructions for creating multicultural art projects based on numerous festivals, as well as brief descriptions of each celebration, and vibrant colour photographs of the finished crafts, such as a Kwanzaa Candelabra. Includes Li Se Envelopes and New Year Ornaments.

Grade Level: all ages

THE CHILDREN OF CHINA: AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY

Song Nan Zhang

915.05.9089 ZHA

Corroboration of beautiful portraits and information following Chinese folk tales, concluding with several Chinese holidays.

CHINA: The Culture

Bobbie Kaman

951 KAL

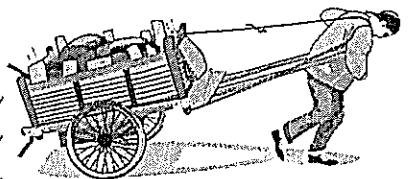
A complete and thorough collage of inventions, arts, festivals and games from China appropriate for junior grades.

THE CHINESE

Lorien Kite

973.09451 KIT

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February

BLACK HISTORY month



February is the month devoted to educating everyone about the struggles and achievements of African-Americans and African-Canadians.



Resources available: ▶▶▶▶▶

LEADING THE WAY

Rosemary Sadler
920.7208996071 SAD
Gives in-depth biographies of five accomplished black women who left their mark on Canadian History, as well as briefer biographies for dozens of other notable African-Canadian women.
Grade Level: junior and up

THE SPIRIT OF AFRICVILLE

The Africville Geneological Society
971.622500496 SPI
Historical photographs and text explore the Halifax community which was demolished by the city in the 1960's, and the black families which were therefore forced to relocate, but fought to retain their identity.
Grade Level: junior and up

TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS

Lawrence Hill
971.00496 HIL
Outlines the history and contributions of Canadians of African descent with text, photographs, and maps.
Grade Level: junior and up

IN OUR TIME

Robert Ffrench
971.00496 FFR
Contains information and activities based on African-Canadian achievement, communities, and more, as well as sheet music for a number of traditional songs.
Grade Level: junior and up

BLACK CANADIAN ACHIEVEMENT

Robert Ffrench
971.00496 FFR
Numerous activities complement information about the contributions of African-Canadian throughout history
Grade Level: primary and up

THE BLACK CANADIANS

Velma Carter and Levero Carter
971.00496 CAR
Traces the history of African-Canadians in all parts of the nation, from the Maritimes, through Central Canada, the Prairies, and British Columbia
Grade Level: junior and up

GET ON BOARD

Jim Haskins
973.7115 HAS
Describes the struggle of slaves fleeing the United States, and heading to Canada by way of the Underground Railroad, featuring photographs of many individuals instrumental to the cause.
Grade Level: junior and up

NO BURDEN TO CARRY

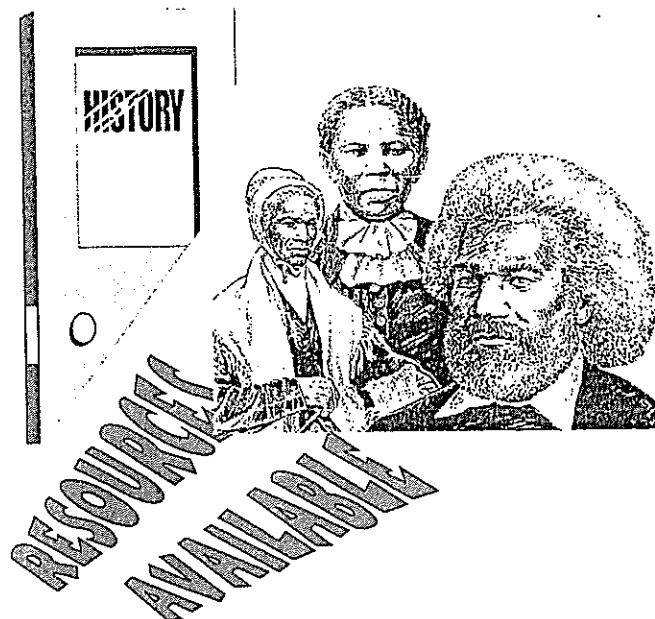
Dionne Brand
971.300496 BRA
Includes the narratives of fourteen black women in Ontario, describing the work force of which they were part from the 1920's to the 1950's.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

THE FREEDOM SEEKERS

Daniel G. Hill
971.00496 HIL
Outlines the experiences of African-Canadians from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries.
Grade Level: intermediate and up.

TOWARDS FREEDOM

Ken Alexander
971.00496 ALE



Shatters the myths which led to the spread of racism, by outlining the tremendous contributions made by those of African descent to may of Canada's greatest national achievements.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

THE BLACK BATTALION

Calvin Ruck
940.41271 RUC
Reveals the contributions of African-Canadians to this nation's military history, a part of our past which is generally overlooked.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

THE BLACK LOYALISTS

James W. St. G. Walker
966.4004960716 WAL
Traces the journey of black Americans who came to Canada after the American Revolution, only to become disillusioned with what this country provided, and who therefore crossed the ocean to start new lives in the progressive colony of Sierra Leone
Grade Level: senior

BLACK HISTORY

Barbara Schubert
370.117 SCH
Includes sixteen reading, math, social studies, and art activities, designed to develop important skills, while also exposing children to black culture
Grade Level: primary-junior

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITH ART

Willet Ryder
372.5044 RYD
Includes six projects pertaining to Black History Month, featuring lists of required materials, and step-by-step instructions
Grade Level: primary-junior

REMEMBER AFRICVILLE (VIDEO)

971.600496 REM

Deals not only with the demolition of Halifax's black community in the 1960's, but with what has since become of the site and those involved, as told by former residents, as well as the decision-makers of the time.

Grade Level: junior and up

FIELDS OF ENDLESS DAY (VIDEO)

971.00496086925 FIE

Dramatizations and actual footage trace the history of African-Canadians from the Seventeenth Century through the first half of the twentieth century

Grade Level: junior and up

BLACK MOTHER, BLACK DAUGHTER (VIDEO)

305.8 BLA

African-Canadian women from Nova Scotia share stories not only about their own triumphs and struggles, but those of their mothers and grandmothers, as they trace the history of black communities in the province, and the contributions of black women in society.

Grade Level: junior and up

ONTARIO: A HISTORY BURIED (VIDEO)

971.300496 ONT

Tells the story of African-Americans who fled to Ontario along the Underground Railroad.

Grade Level: junior and up

NOVA SCOTIA: AGAINST THE TIDES (VIDEO)

971.600496 NOV

Explores the practice of slavery in the province, resulting from the attitudes of Southern immigrants, and the struggle against such segregation

Grade Level: junior and up

BRITISH COLUMBIA THE WEST: ON THIS ROCK (VIDEO)

971.100496 BRI

Examines the influence of the black community on British Columbia's decision to become a part of Canada, rather than the United States.

Grade Level: junior and up

SLAVERY: A CANADIAN STORY, THE PACKWOOD FAMILY (VIDEO)

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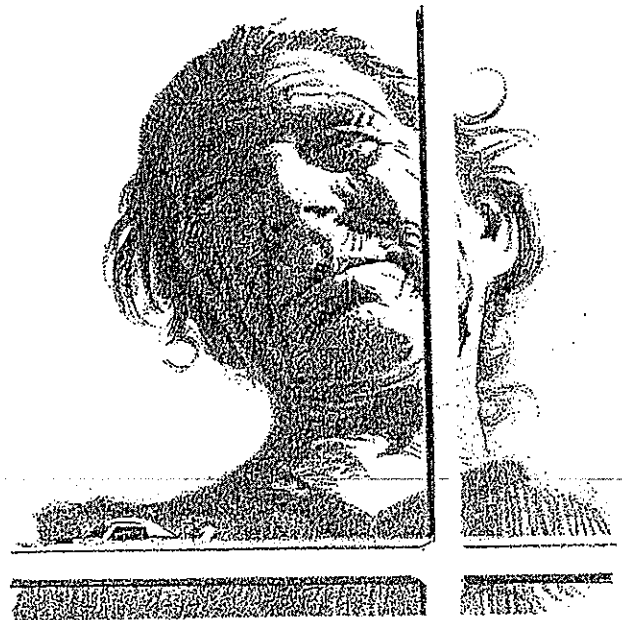
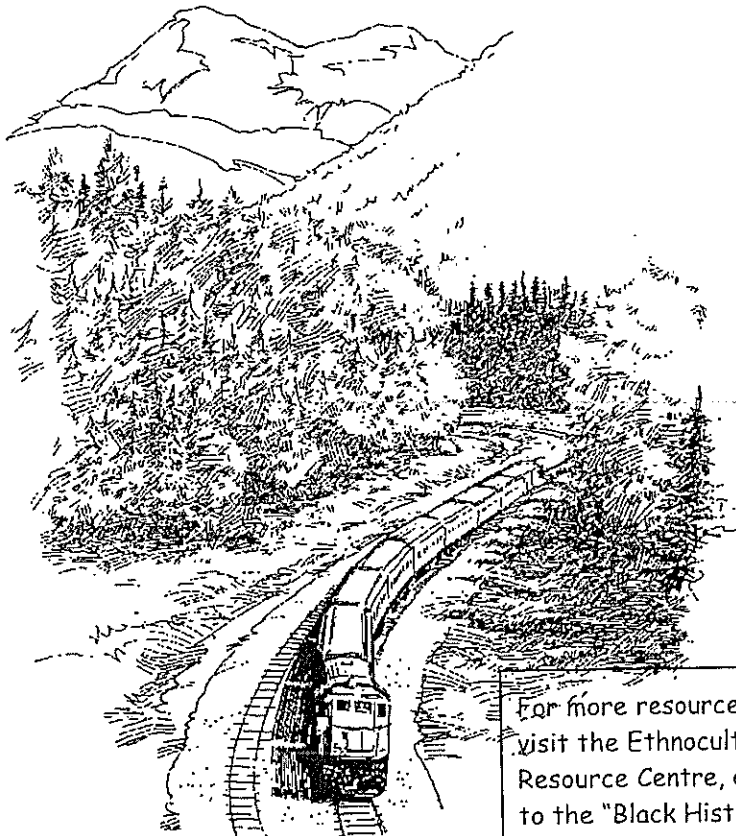
Traces the history of the African community in Quebec from the first slave sale in 1926 to present-day Montreal

Grade Level: junior and up

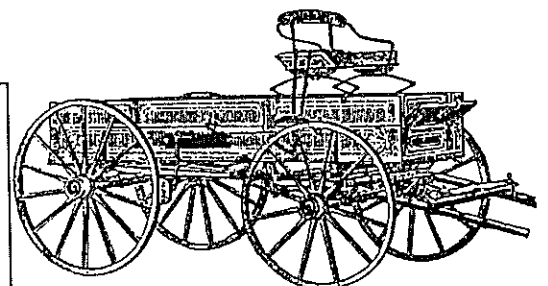
IN SEARCH OF IDENTITY (BOARD GAME)

Teaches African-American heritage in a fun way, and includes a fact booklet which describes all of the individuals featured in the game, and which can be used prior to playing to ensure a solid knowledge base.

Grade Level: junior and up



For more resources, please visit the Ethnocultural Resource Centre, or refer to the "Black History and Culture Resource Guide".



Resources Available

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Malcolm X

The Ethnocultural Resource Centre also has numerous resources about Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., and other black leaders, as well as works of African-American fiction. Be sure to come in and have a look, or check for them using the computerized catalogue.



Nelson Mandela

I HAVE A DREAM...

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial
in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963



Martin Luther King Jr.

".....Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

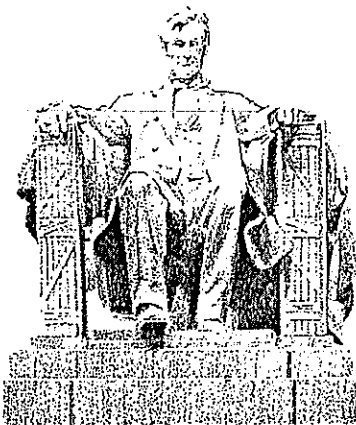
.....I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

....I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together.

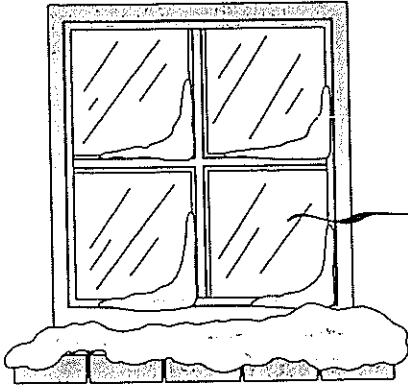
...I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day. This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."..."



Abraham Lincoln
Statue at the Memorial
Washington, D.C.

General Winter Cultural Resources



MULTIFAITH CELEBRATIONS
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Holidays.

CANADA'S WINTERTIME CELEBRATIONS: AN ACTIVITY BOOK
Sarah Shadowitz
394.61 SHA

MULTICULTURAL COOKING WITH KIDS
641-5123 MULO
A large collection of recipes from all over the world, tasty treats that are easy to make.

INTERNATIONAL WINTER FESTIVALS: PROJECTS AND PATTERNS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS, GREETINGS, ORNAMENTS, DECORATIONS AND CLASSROOM DISPLAYS.
Morilyn G. Barr.
3394.261 BAR

Creative activities and seat work. Festivals. Winter. Holidays. "A Good Apple seasonal idea/activity book for grades 1-6." Cover. Projects and patterns for holiday gifts, greetings, ornaments, decorations and classroom displays.

HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS ACTIVITIES
Debbie Smith
790.1 SMI
Creative activities and seat work...Holidays. Festivals. Handicrafts. Holidays and festivals activities.

PAPER-CUTTING STORIES FOR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS
Valerie Marsh
394.26 MAR
Holidays. Special days. Storytelling. Paper work. Creative activities and seat work.

HOLIDAY CUSTOMS AROUND THE WORLD: A BOOK OF CULTURALLY BASED ACTIVITIES FOR K-6 CHILDREN
Barbara Schubert, Marlene Bird
370.117 SCH
Multiculturalism - study and teaching (elementary). Teaching - aids and devices. Holidays.

WORLD HOLIDAYS: A WATTS GUIDE FOR CHILDREN
Heather Moehn
ISBN/ISSN: 0531117146
3394.26 MOE
Holidays. Festivals. Feasts and Feasts. An illustrated alphabetical guide to celebrations and holidays around the world, including religious, civic, and cultural practices.

CELEBRATIONS /JOCELYN GRAEME
Ruth Fahlman, May Henderson, Kristin Colwell
ISBN/ISSN: 0201546507
334.26 GRA
Holidays. Fasts and feasts. Text in English, Chinese, French, Spanish.

HANDS-ON CELEBRATIONS: ART ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
Yvonne Y. Merrill
ISBN/ISSN: 0964317745
745.5941 MER
Handicraft. Holiday decorations. Holidays. Includes bibliographical references (p. 77) and index.

ETHNIC CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD
Nancy Everix
ISBN/ISSN: 0866536078
394.26 EVE
Holidays. Creative activities and seat work.

MID-WINTER FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS.
394.268
Holidays. Vancouver School Board. Performing Arts. Cover title.

CHILDREN JUST LIKE ME: CELEBRATIONS
Anabel Kindersley
ISBN/ISSN: 1551681080
394.2 KIN
Festivals. Holidays.

ISRAEL: THE CULTURE
Debbie Smith
956.94 SMI
Collection of photographs and information appropriate for junior grades. Unique activities for students.

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH
Lisa Rojany
296.435 ROJ
A fun, pop-up version of the story of Hanukkah, the perfect introduction to the festival of lights.

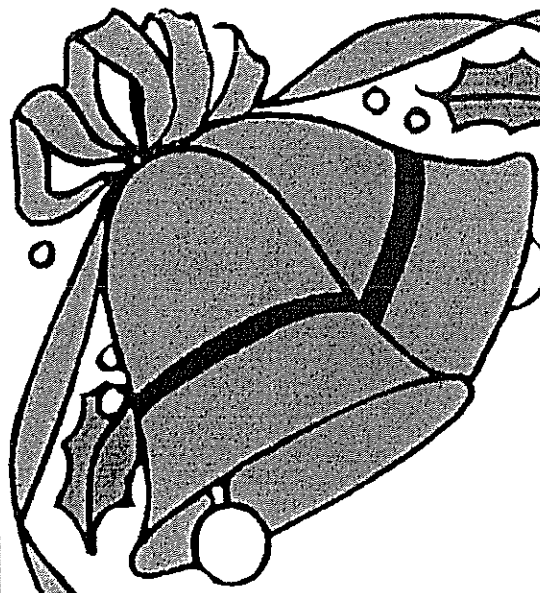
THE UGLY MENORAH
Marissa Moss
E MOS
Easy reader story about Hanukkah, brings the spirit of the holiday out in everyone!

HANUKKAH
Anne Clark, David Rose, Gill Rose
296.4 CLAS
Examines the traditions and celebrations associated with the Jewish festival of lights.

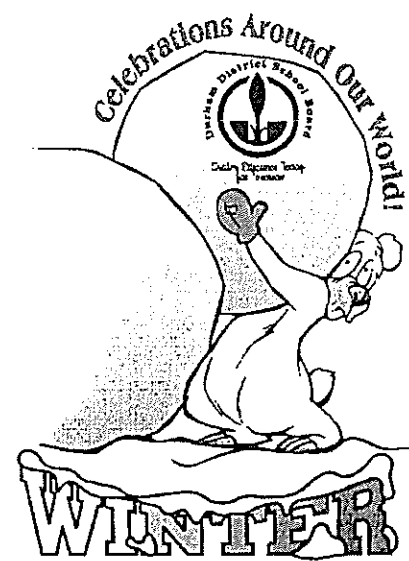
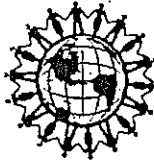
CELEBRATE: STORIES OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS
Gilda Berger
296.43

Introduces the eight key holidays of the Jewish year, including the seven major annual holidays and the weekly holiday of the Sabbath, exploring the background, meaning, and celebration of each.





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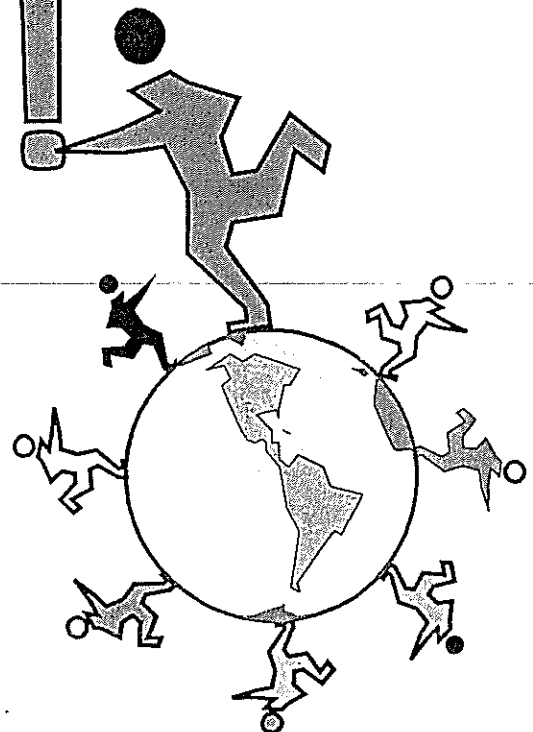
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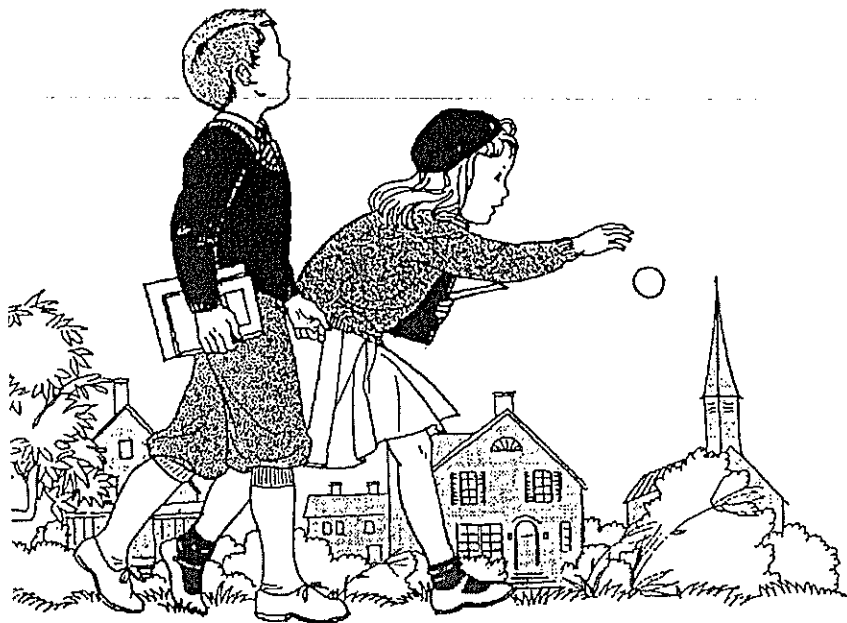


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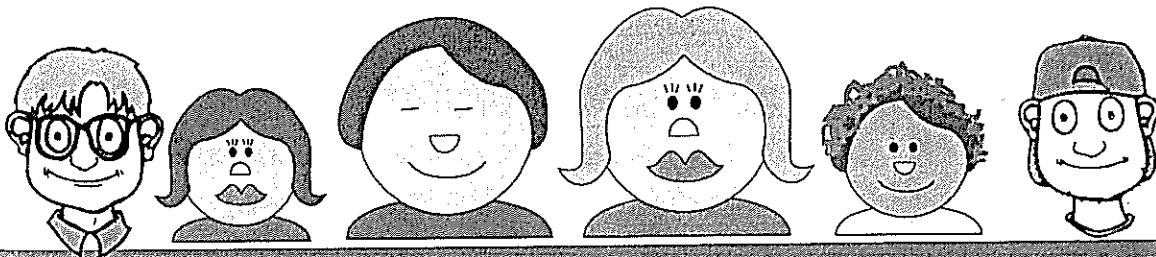
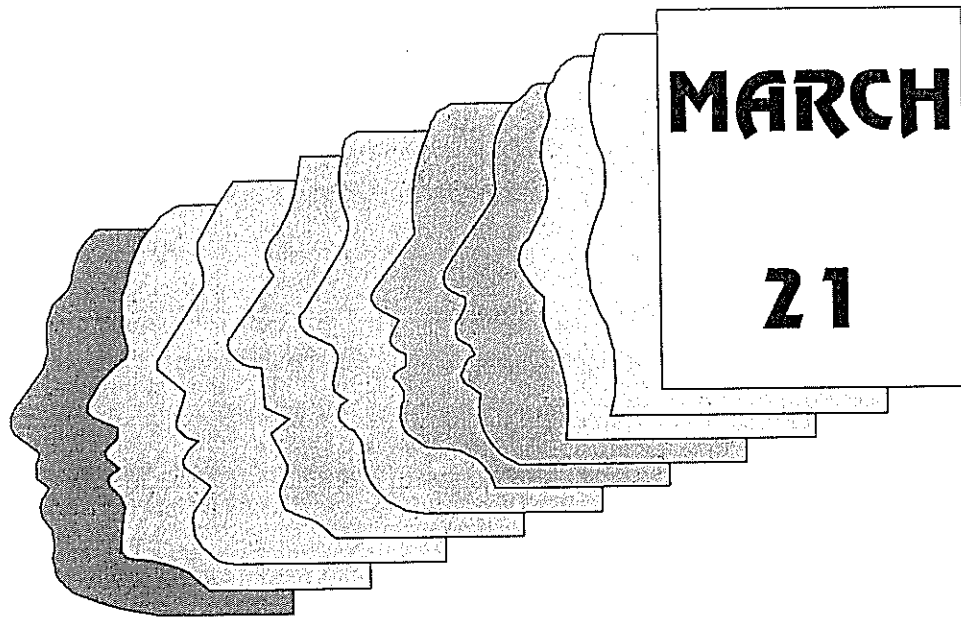
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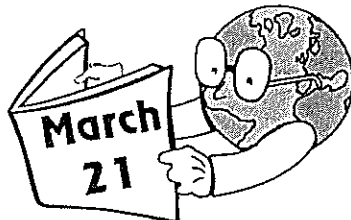
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INTERNATIONAL DAY TO ELIMINATE RACISM

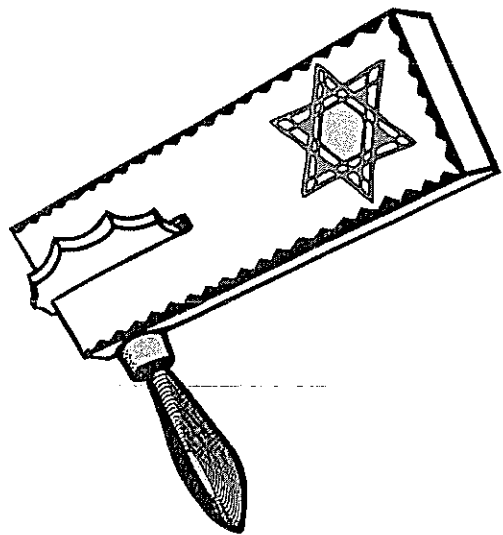
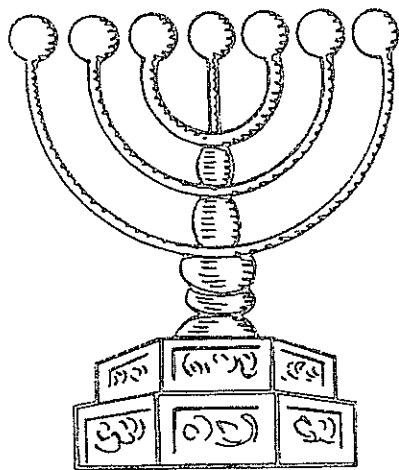


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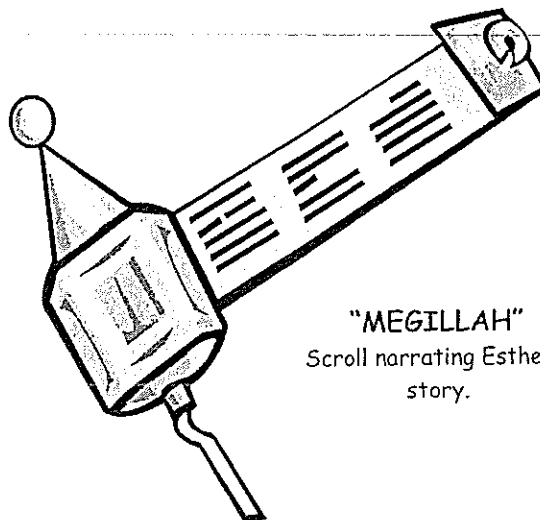
פורים



"GREGGER" OR "GRAGGER"

Noisemaker used by children during the celebration of Purim when the story of Esther is read out aloud. Children learn at early age that people working together can defeat evil and accomplish their goals as they become stronger.

A lively festival celebrating the victory of the Jewish people over their oppressive ruler, as brought about by Queen Esther, and marked by synagogue services, plays of the Purim story, and feasting.



"MEGILLAH"

Scroll narrating Esther's story.



Naw Ruz

Naw Ruz is celebrated as New Year's Day by two faith communities, Bahá'ís and Zoroastrians as well as other Middle Eastern cultural communities.

Bahá'í



Bahá'ís fast from sunrise to sunset for 19 days from March 2 to 20 inclusive in preparation of this day. This day is the first day of the first Bahá'í month called Baha (Splendour) of the Bahá'í New Year. Families have feasts, visit relatives and friends, and celebrate this day beginning at sunset on March 20th until sunset on March 21st.



Zoroastrianism

This is the New Year's Day in the Fasli calendar. Zoroastrians celebrate the renewal of the world and the creation of fire a symbol of righteousness. There are many symbols associated with Naw Ruz. (see Let's Celebrate by Caroline Parry).

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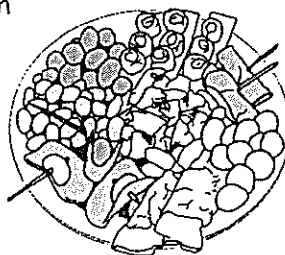
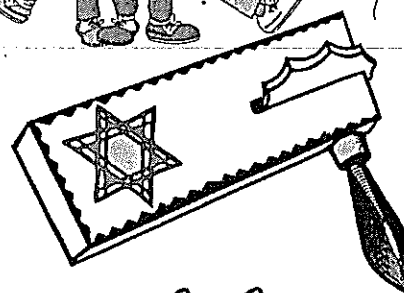
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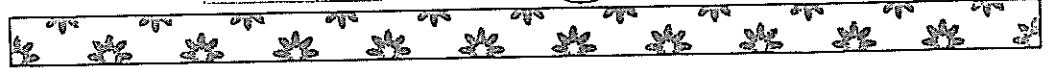
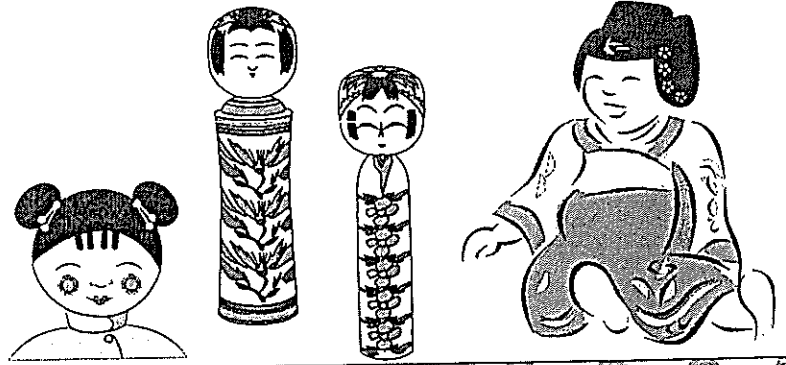
During Purim children enjoy treats, dressing up in costumes and noisemakers!



Happy Purim



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HINA MATSURI

A Japanese Festival dedicated entirely to dolls, which are meant to represent values such as dignity, to which young girls should aspire.

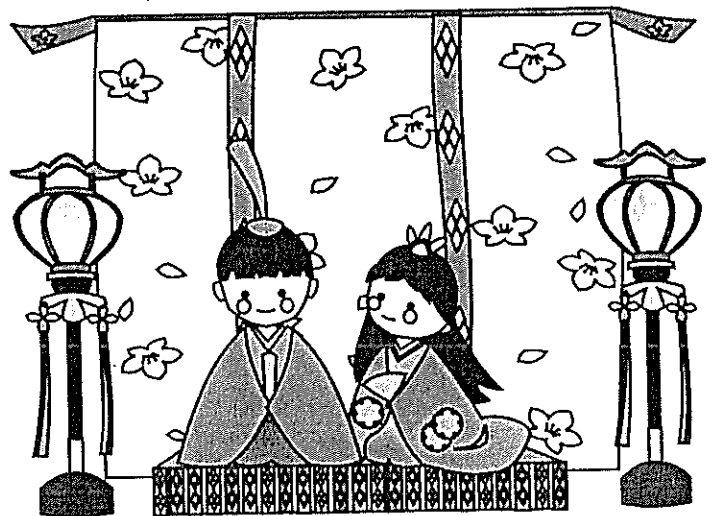
Most Japanese girls have a set of precious dolls too delicate to play with, which are displayed in the best room of the house for Hina Matsuri.



**Girls' Day
or
Dolls' Festival
is celebrated on March 3rd.**

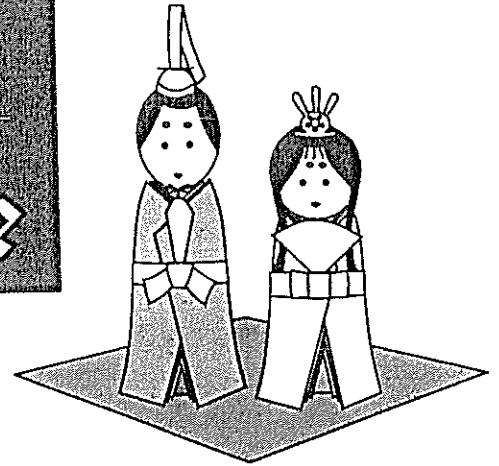
The dolls protect from misfortune and bad luck.

The practice of displaying these dolls on the third day of the third month on the traditional Japanese calendar began during the Edo period (1603-1868). The Edo period marked 250 years of complete isolation from the rest of the world, during which time Japan's unique cultural heritage developed away from outside influences. Edo at present is Tokyo



HINA MATSURI

Resources Available



JAPAN - THE CULTURE

Bobbie Kalman

952 KAL

Describes all aspects of life in Japan, delving into its history, as well as its modern culture with the aid of colour photographs

Grade Level: all ages

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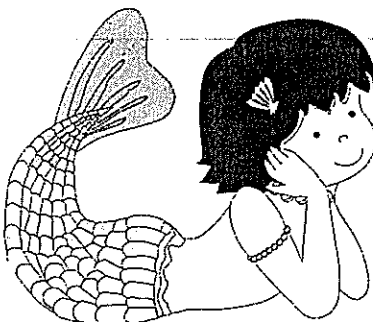
CELEBRATIONS!

Anabel Kindersley

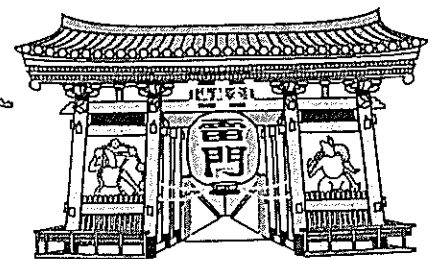
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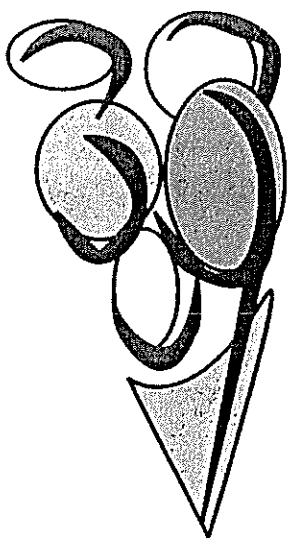
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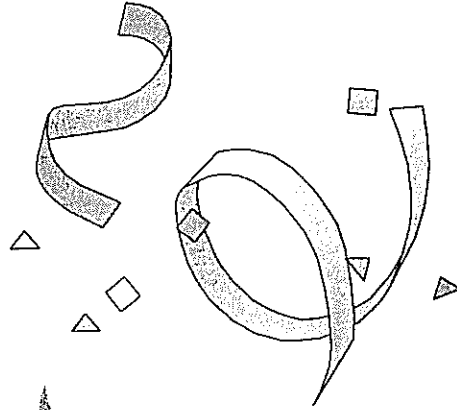
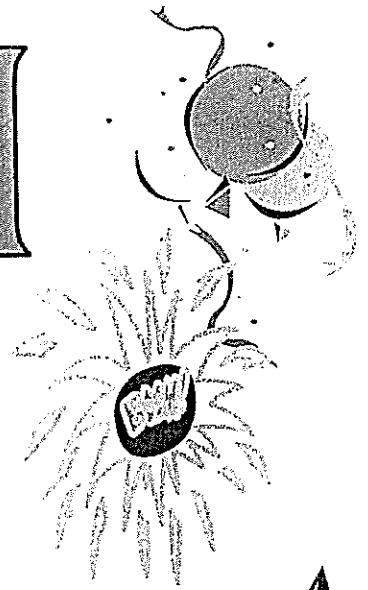


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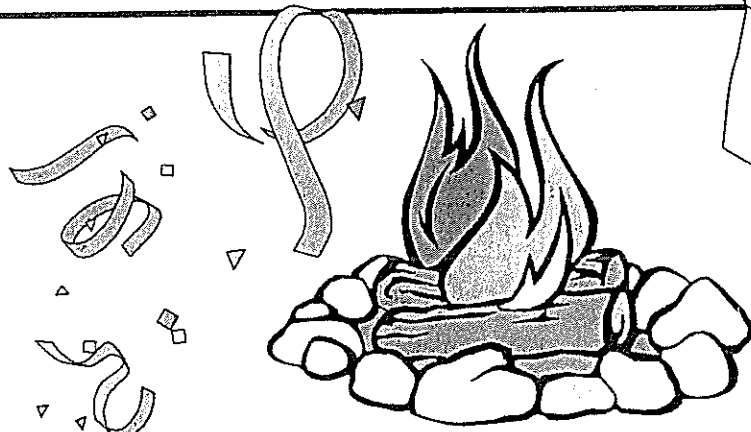
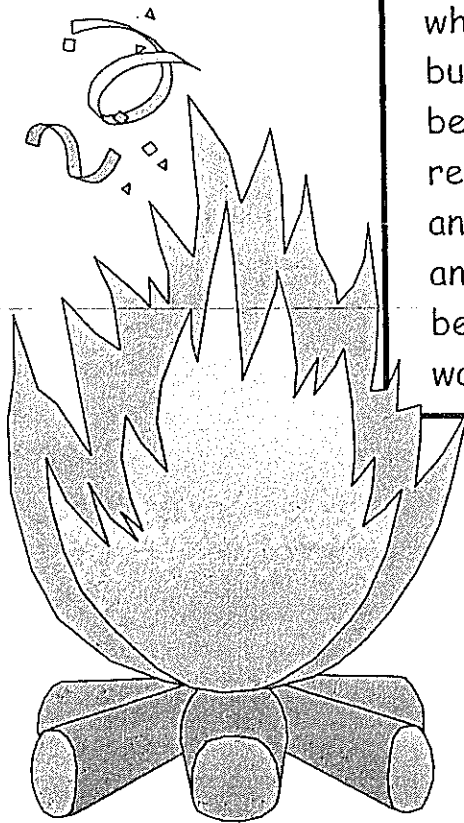


HOLI



FIRE

A Hindu festival celebrating the god Krishna, who loved to play tricks on his companion, Radha, and her friends, as well as the legend of Prahlad, a prince whose faith in God protected him from being burned in a fire meant to kill him. The night before Holi, families light huge bonfires to remind them of this triumph of good over evil, and the next morning, people cover one another in brightly coloured powdered paint, before spraying each other with coloured water, one of the tricks favoured by Krishna.



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Grade Level: all ages

SEASONS OF SPLENDOUR

Madhur Jaffrey
294.513 JAF

Collections of short stories inspired by India's myths and legends, including "The Wicked King and his Good Son", a tale about Holi, as well as the author's reflections on celebrating this festival as a child.

Grade Level: junior and up

INDIA - THE CULTURE

Bobbie Kalman
952.4 KAL

Focuses on "today's India", and the diversity within this culturally rich nation.

Grade Level: all ages

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HINDUISM?

Anita Ganeri
394.5 GAN

Introduces young people to all aspects of Hindu culture through photographs, drawings, and description.

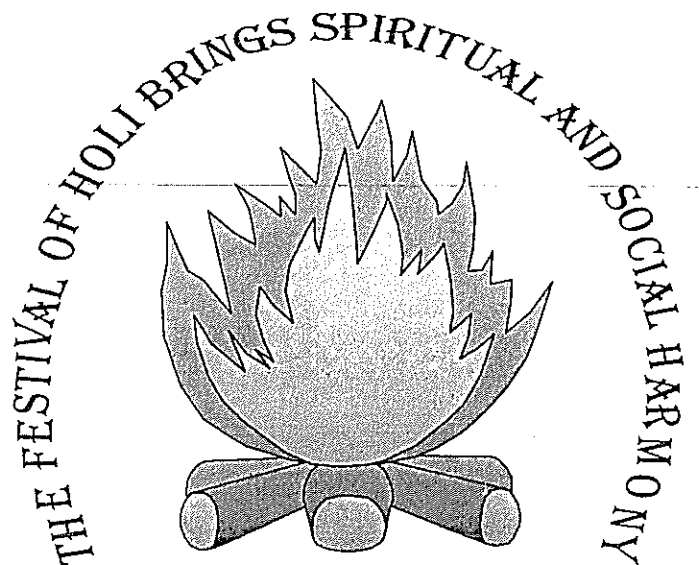
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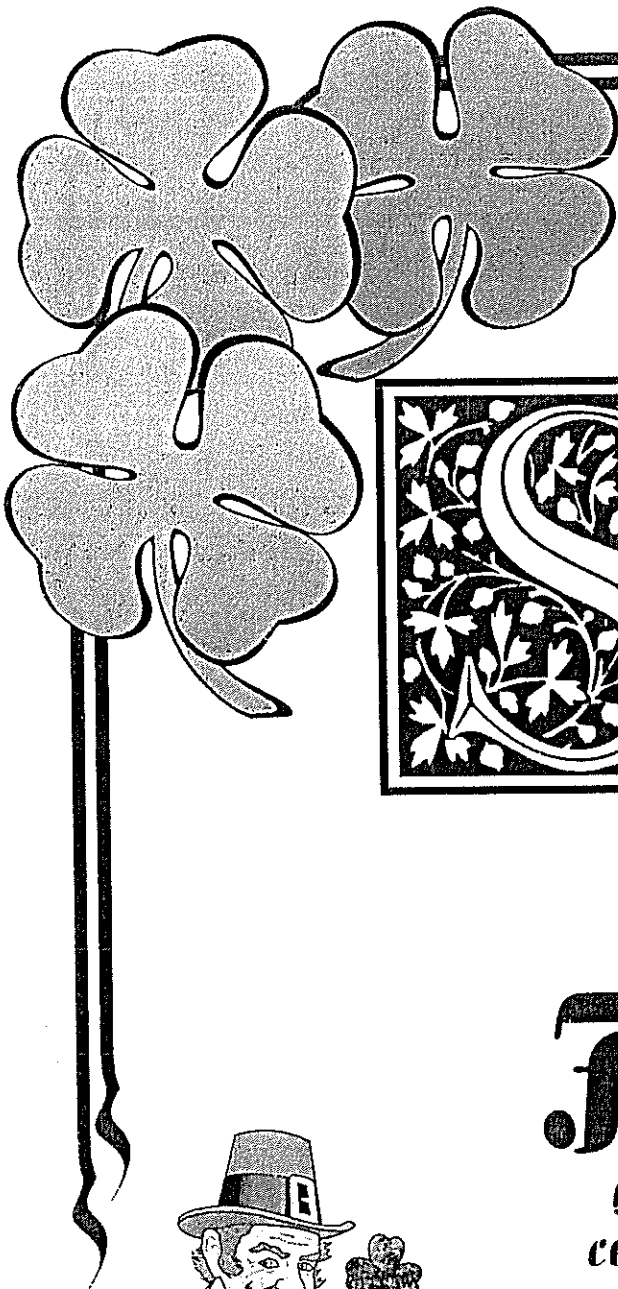
Stephen Cross
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Explores and simplifies the faith's background, philosophy, and mythology, and applies this to modern western culture.

Grade Level: intermediate and up



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aint Patrick's Day

Feast day of Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick. It is celebrated on March 17, by Irish communities everywhere with great parades. Shamrocks are worn by celebrants, as well as dressing in green, symbolizing the lush, green landscape of Ireland. Irish immigrants to America brought the celebration with them.



Shamrocks are considered as good-luck symbols by the Irish.

According to the legend, St. Patrick used shamrocks to explain the doctrine of the Trinity, plucking a shamrock from the grass growing at his feet and showing it to his Congregation.





Resources Available



PAPER-CUTTING STORIES FOR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Valerie Marsh
394.26 MAR

Stories developed in an easy-to-tell fashion by this popular storyteller, and instructions for drawing and cutting are included with every story.

Grade level: Preschool/K-5

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES

Barbara Dumoulin/Sylvia Sikundar
372.6044 DUM C.2

Language arts activities for classroom teachers. Practical ideas that focus on traditional and multicultural celebrations. Includes teaching tips, ready-to-copy pages, answer keys, and a language skills index for easy cross reference.

Grade level: 2 through 9

HOLIDAYS & FESTIVALS - ACTIVITIES - FUN!

Debbie Smith
790.1 SMI

Crafts, games, recipes and more! This book features science, writing, and art activities for children, highlighting themes of the changing seasons, holidays, and family celebrations.

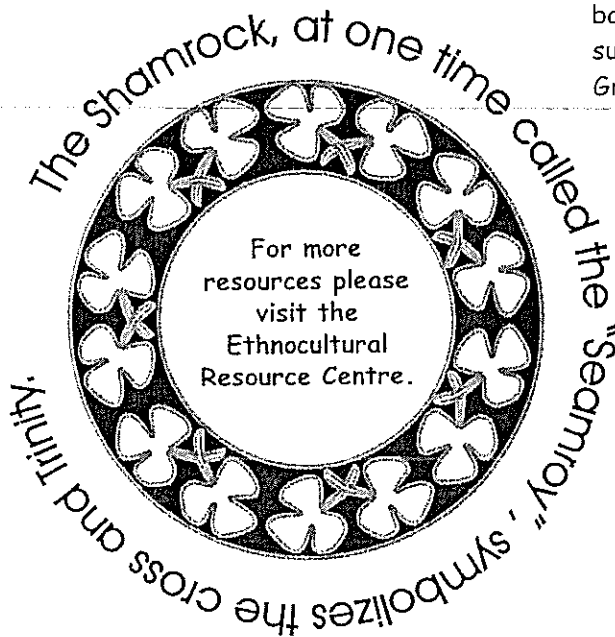
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INTERNATIONAL SPRING AND SUMMER FESTIVALS

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Projects and patterns for holiday gifts, greetings, ornaments, decorations, and classroom displays. Introduces students to the celebrations and traditions of a variety of cultures throughout each continent through a collection of patterns and activities based on the spring and summer seasons.

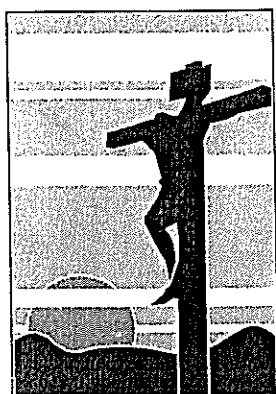
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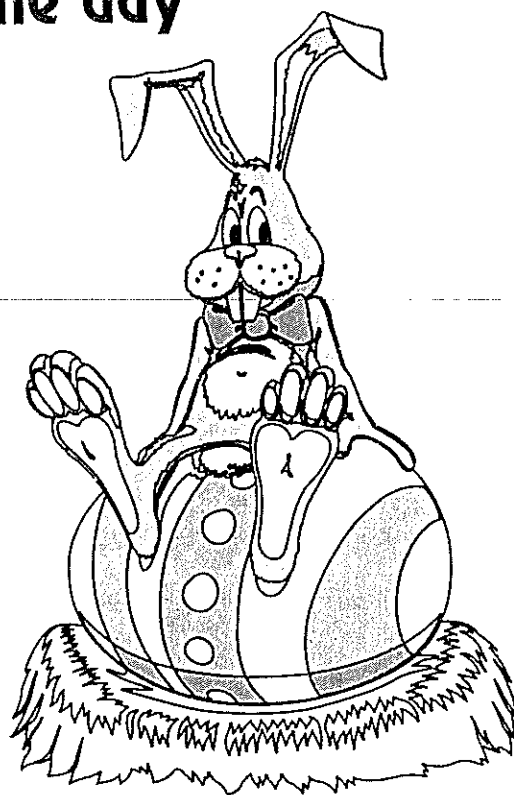
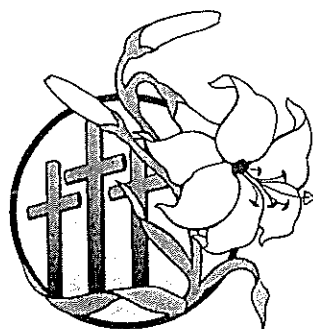
Christian celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection. This is preceded by Good Friday, commemorating the day on which he was crucified.

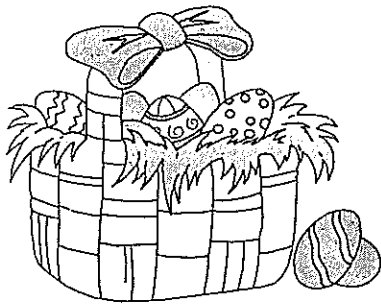


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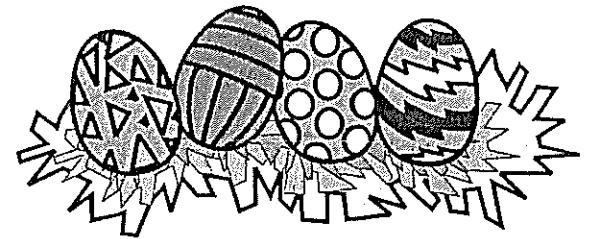


Resurrection





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Grade Level: all ages

THE EASTER STORY

Brian Wildsmith
232.97 WIL

Tells the story of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection through the eyes of his donkey, with the help of colourful illustrations.

Grade Level: primary

THE EASTER STORY

232.97 BIB

Rich, detailed paintings complement passages from the Bible which outline Christ's death on the cross, as well as his resurrection.

Grade Level: all ages

RECHENKA'S EGGS

Patricia Polacco
E POL

Colourful illustrations highlight this story of an old Ukrainian egg painter who is taught about miracles when she takes in an injured goose.

Grade Level: primary-junior

CHICKEN SUNDAY

Patricia Polacco
E POL

Three children must defend themselves against accusations of vandalism, while at the same time earning money to buy an Easter hat for a beloved grandmother.

Grade Level: primary-junior

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Grade Level: primary-intermediate.

FESTIVALS

Meryl Doney
745.5941 DON

Groups celebrations spanning many different cultures by theme, featuring related activities with clear instructions and diagrams, such as Fabergé-style Easter eggs.

Grade Level: junior

GLOBAL ART

Mary Ann R. Kohl
372.50440973 KOH

Contains hundreds of artistic projects divided first by continent, and then by country or culture, including Czech Crayon Eggs, and Russian Jewelled Eggs.

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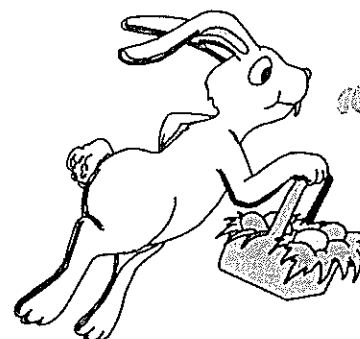
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Grade Level: primary-junior



PASSOVER

פסח



Jewish celebration, lasting eight days, commemorating the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, as led by Moses, and celebrated with prayers and special foods.



PASSOVER

Celebration!
8
days

Resources Available

THE MATZAH THAT PAPA BROUGHT HOME

Fran Manushkin
E MAN

Richly illustrated story describing Passover customs in rhyme, and featuring a glossary of terms at the end.

Grade Level: primary

SAM'S PASSOVER

Lynne Hannigan
394.267 HAN

School children visit the local synagogue to learn about Passover, and Sam, a young Jewish boy, celebrates the holiday at home with his family

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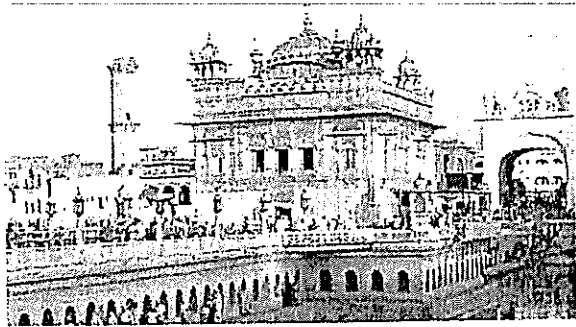
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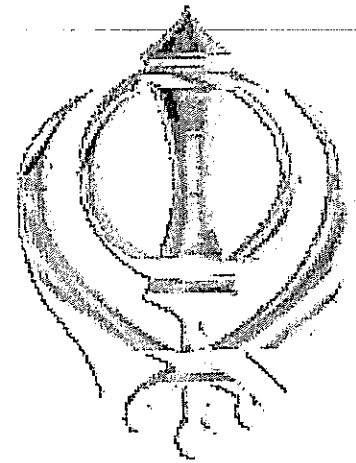


Waisakhi

This day is celebrated by Sikhs to honour Guru Gobind Singh's creation of the Khalsa Panth, the brotherhood of the pure. Families celebrate at the Gurdwara and a yearly community parade may be held. The orange flag is a symbol of the Sikh faith with the following symbol on it called "Khanda". Khanda represents divine knowledge, perfection of an eternal God balanced with a person's obligations to society.



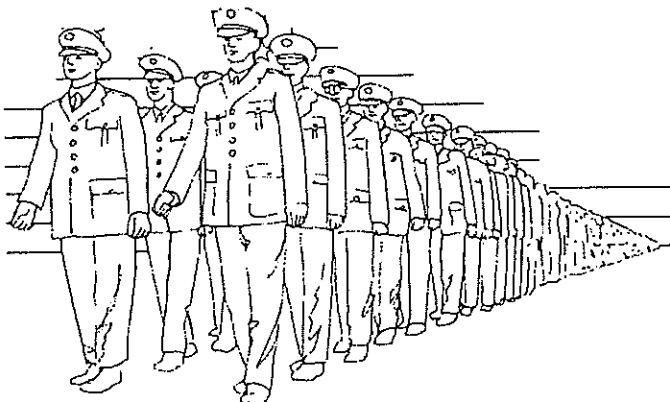
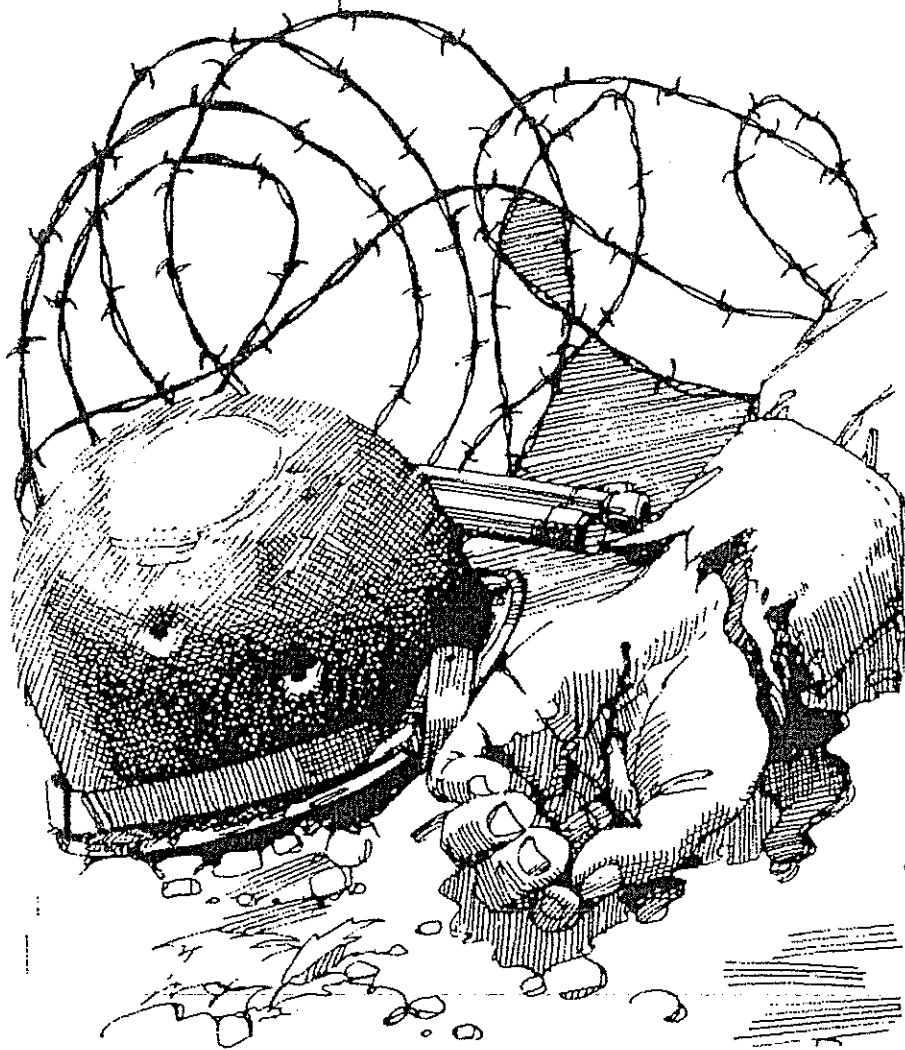
The Golden Gurdwara in Amritsar, India



Khanda Symbol

HOLOCAUST DAY

MAY 2



A
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HOLOCAUST DAY

RESOURCES AVAILABLE



Anne Frank 1929 - 1945

Otto Frank and Edith Frank-Hollander had a daughter on June 12th, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. She was called Annelies (Anne). Anne and her older sister, Margot, grew up together in Germany. Due to Hitler's anti-Jewish decrees, her father Otto, made a plan to open a branch of his business in Amsterdam, Holland, to allow his family to join him later there. In 1933 when they moved to southern Amsterdam, Anne started attending school there where she excelled.

Anne always kept close to her sister during their childhood. When Anne turned 13 years old, her parents gave her a diary as a present and she started writing about her experiences and feelings at that time. Years later the Netherlands (Holland), was deeply affected by the Nazis' invasion. The Frank family had to move and they were hiding in the attic above a store next to Otto's previous office.

During the two years of hiding in the attic, Anne confided completely in her diary "Kitty", as she referred to it. She felt that on her diary she was able to express her deepest feelings and experiences during the war. She was an exceptionally sensitive young teenager. Her diary was found after she left it behind, with some other personal belongings, in the attic when the family was deported to a concentration camp in Germany. Due to cold, disease, adverse circumstances and starvation, Margot, her sister, developed typhus and later on she died. Anne was deeply affected by her loss and shortly after contracted the disease and died of it in 1945. She was only fifteen years old when she died. The concentration camp was liberated by the British just a few weeks after. Her diary is considered to be one of the most read books since its release.

*"In Spite of Everything?
still believe that people are
really good at heart"*

Anne Frank

TELL THEM WE REMEMBER

Susan D. Bachrach
940.5318 BAC

Gives a thorough historical overview of the Nazis' rise to power, their reign, and the aftermath of the Holocaust, with the help of photographs and stories of individual victims.

Grade Level: intermediate and up
HILDE AND ELI: CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST

David A. Adler
940.5318 ADL

Haunting illustrations help tell the stories of two Jewish children who were killed during the Holocaust, along with their families.

Grade Level: junior and up

A PICTURE BOOK OF ANNE FRANK

David A. Adler
940.5318092 FRA ADL

Detailed illustrations bring Anne, her family, and her friends to life, and add to the poignancy of their struggles during the Nazi occupation of Europe.

Grade Level: junior and up

PASSAGE TO FREEDOM

Ken Mochizuki
940.5318 MOC

Rich illustrations help tell the true story of the Japanese consul to Lithuania, who wrote thousands of visas allowing Jews to escape Nazi persecution, against the will of his country.

Grade Level: junior and up

FOR YOU WHO DIED I MUST LIVE ON

Eli Rubenstein (Ed.)
818.5408080358 FOR

A compilation of poetry, prose, and artwork, by Jewish Canadian and American youth who participated in the March of the Living, a journey to Poland for Holocaust Remembrance Day, during which the students walked the three kilometres from the Auschwitz concentration camp to the killing centre at Birkenau, hand in hand, and then travelled to Israel to participate in the nation's Independence Day Celebrations.

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AFTER THE WAR

Carol Matas
F MAT

Novel about Polish children whose families were killed in the Holocaust, who embark on a dangerous and illegal journey to Israel, the only place they feel they still belong.

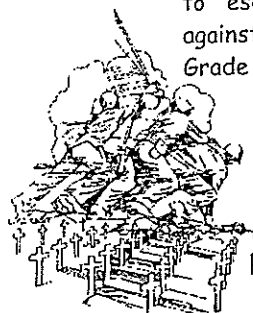
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THE MAN FROM THE OTHER SIDE

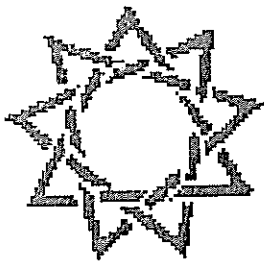
Uri Orlev
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Novel based on the true story of a Polish teenager who lived near the Warsaw Ghetto, without ever thinking about the Jews, until he got caught up with a Jewish man trying to escape, and learned the meaning of persecution.

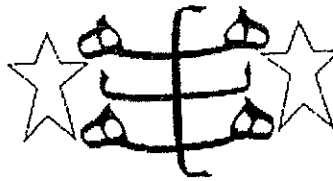
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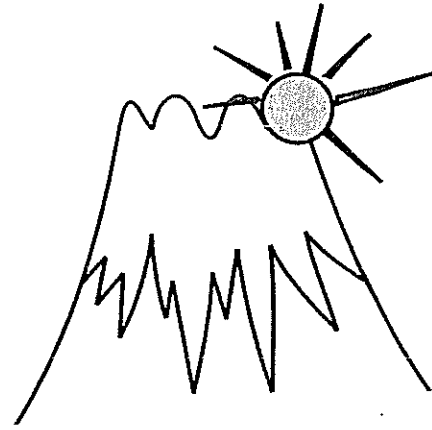
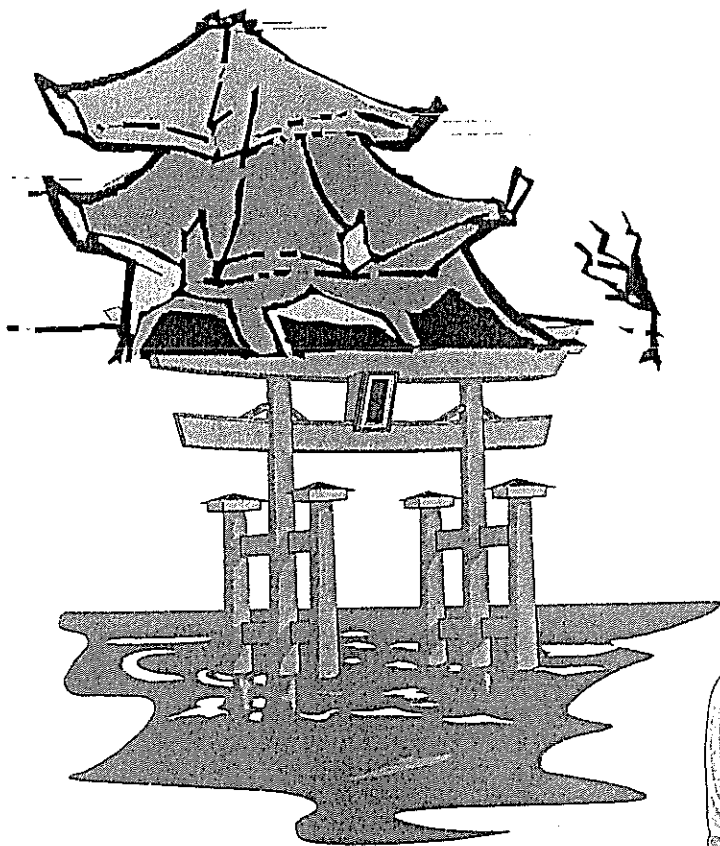
Ridvan



The 12 days of Ridvan is the Bahá'í Most Great Festival when Bahá'ís remember the 12 days that Bahá'u'lláh spent in the garden of Ridvan in Baghdad where He declared Himself as a Messenger of God. Bahá'ís do not work or go to school on the first, ninth and 12th days of Ridvan. Families celebrate with joyous gatherings to offer prayers and recall the events that took place in the Garden of Ridvan.

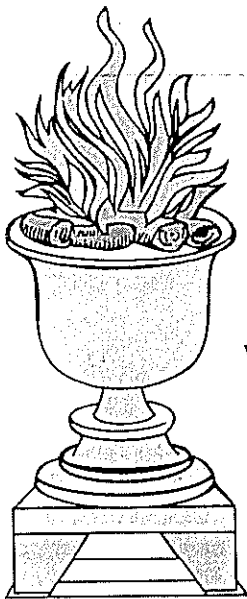


Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh at Bahji near Akka, Israel

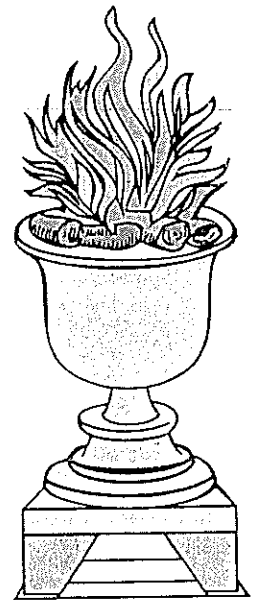


The most sacred day of the year for Buddhists, as it commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Buddha, all at once.

For this holiday, people decorate temples and homes with paper lanterns and lights, and worship Buddha.



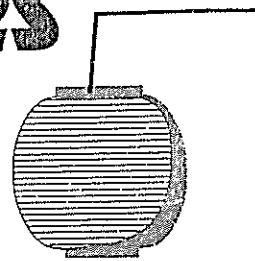
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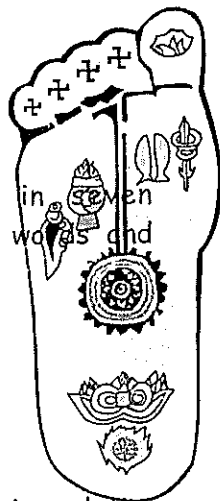
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Provides patterns to be photocopied and simple instructions for making a variety of cut-and paste decorations pertaining to celebrations from around the globe, including a selection of whimsical lanterns.
Grade Level: primary-junior

THE ELEMENTS OF BUDDHISM

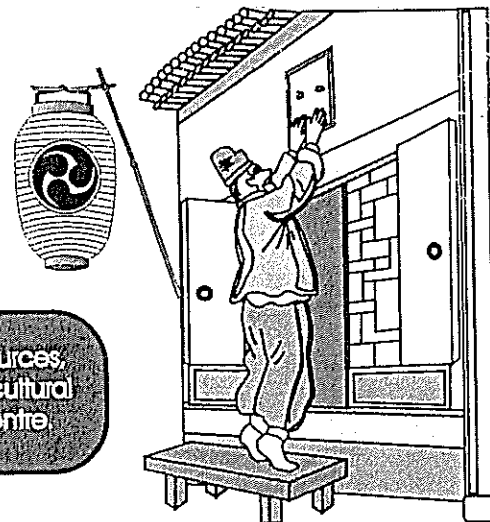
John Snelling
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Explores in great depth the faith's doctrine, evolution, schools of thought, and relevance in today's society.
Grade Level: intermediate and up

CELEBRATIONS OF LIGHT

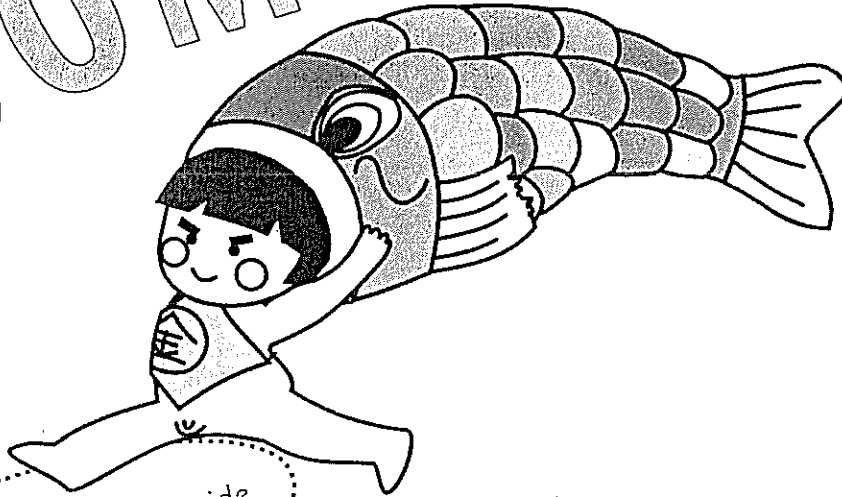
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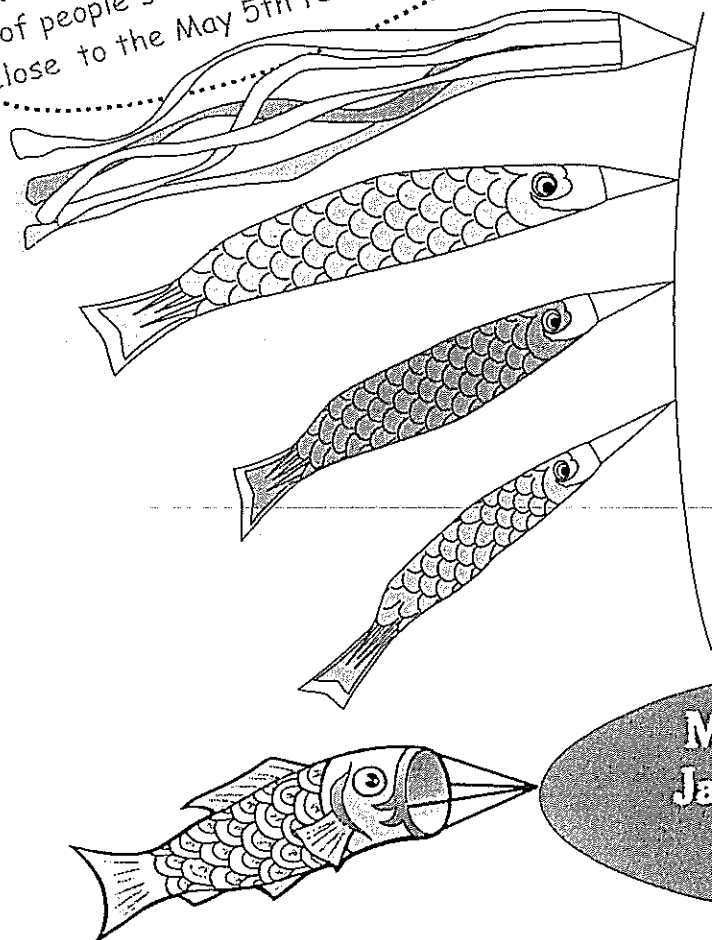


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KODOMONO-HI



If you see fishshaped streamers flying outside of people's houses, it means it is getting close to the May 5th festival.



A Japanese celebration, especially for boys, during which families fly large kites, in the shape of carp, on a tall pole in the garden. The carp represents the strength and determination to which boys are meant to aspire, as do the Samurai dolls they are given at birth, to be displayed on this day.

May 5th is a national holiday in Japan called "Childrens' Day" or "Kodomo-no-Hi".



CINCO DE MAYO



Mexican festival featuring parades, music, dancing, and food, commemorating the victory of untrained Mexican citizens over an army of French soldiers on May 5, 1862.

Cinco de Mayo Means May the 5th





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Resources

Available:

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION BOX
394.26972 CIN

Kit containing maracas, an audio cassette, rubber stamps, a miniature piñata, a miniature sombrero, a book describing one community's holiday preparations, and much more to bring Cinco de Mayo into the classroom.

Grade Level: primary-junior

PAPER-CUTTING STORIES FOR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Valerie Marsh
394.26 MAR

Short stories to read aloud are accompanied by paper cutouts to photocopy and fold along with the story, in order to create related paper figures.

Grade Level: primary



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES

Barbara Dumoulin and Sylvia Sikundar
not catalogued

Contains language activities, such as poetry and story writing, crossword puzzles, and vocabulary exercises, all of which may be photocopied for classroom use.

Grade Level: primary-intermediate.

MEXICAN

Barbara Schubert
370.117 SCH

Contains activities relating to Mexican culture, including piñatas, sombreros, and maracas, as well as background information on the craft or celebration.

Grade Level: primary-junior

GLOBAL ART

Mary Ann R. Kohl
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Contains hundreds of artistic projects divided first by continent, and then by country or culture, including Easy Fiesta Piñatas.

Grade Level: all ages

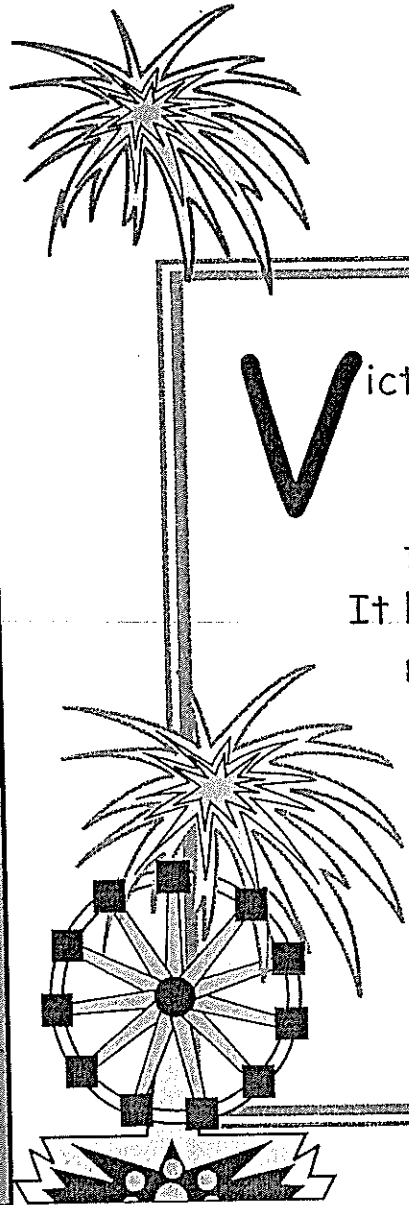
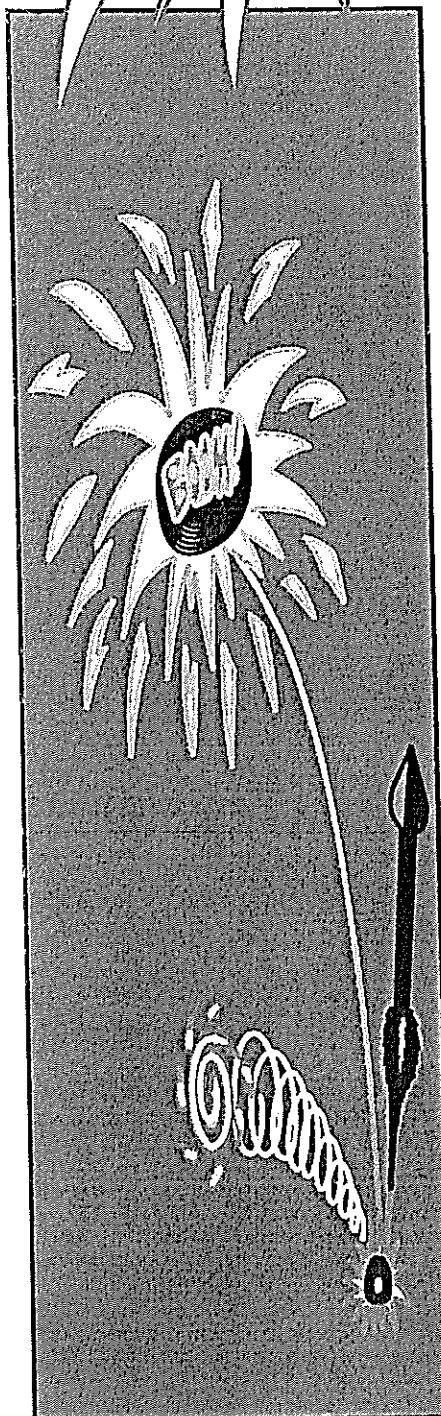
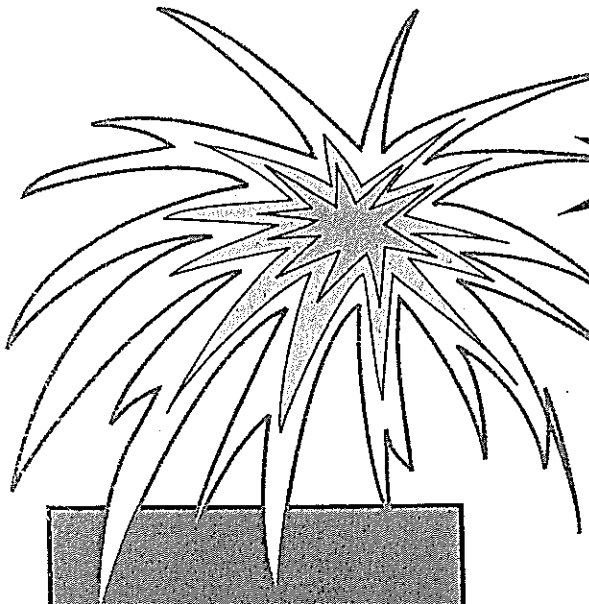


Cinco de Mayo
with a Mexican Flavor

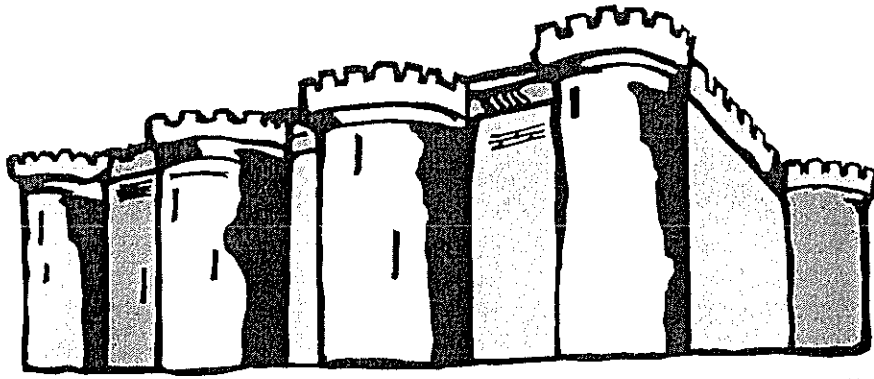
Victoria Day



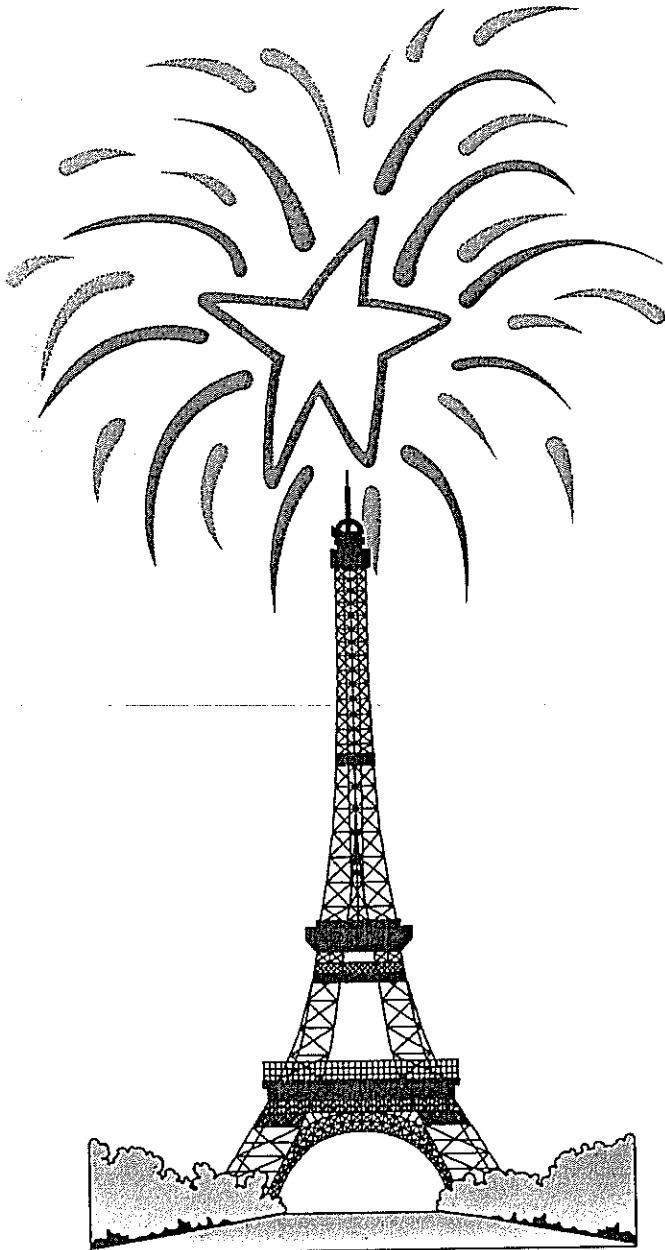
Victoria Day is celebrated in Canada on the Monday before May 24, with fireworks and festivities. It has been established as a national holiday honouring Queen Victoria, who was born in Great Britain on May 24, 1819.



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BASTILLE DAY



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Commemorates the beginning of the French Revolution.

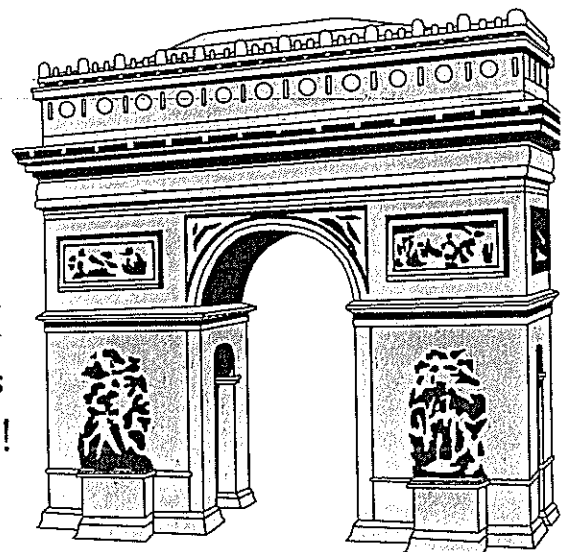
On July 14, 1789, the people of Paris rose up and marched on the Bastille, a state prison that symbolized the absolutism of the French monarchy.

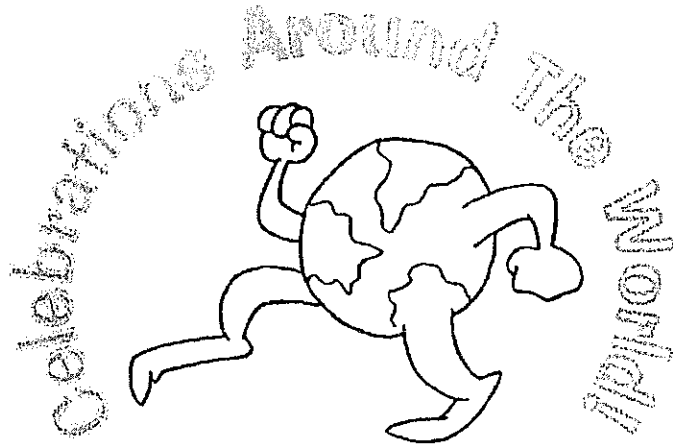
The storming of the Bastille symbolizes for all citizens of France liberty, democracy and the struggle against oppression.

The prison was demolished a couple of centuries ago.

Bastille Day celebration initiates with the traditional parade down the Champs Elysees and finalizes officially with a majestic display of fireworks near the Eiffel Tower.

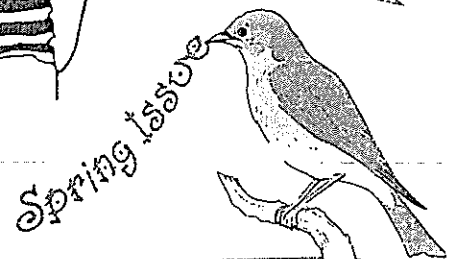
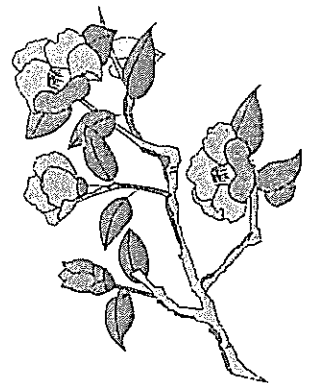
It is a holiday on which each citizen enjoys the celebration dancing, with great food and fireworks !





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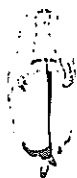
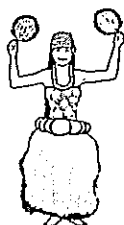
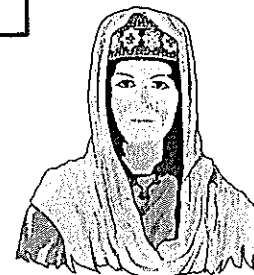
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"Where, after all, do universal rights begin?"

The places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination.

Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere.

Without concerned citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world."

- Eleanor Roosevelt - Chair, UN Human Rights Commission

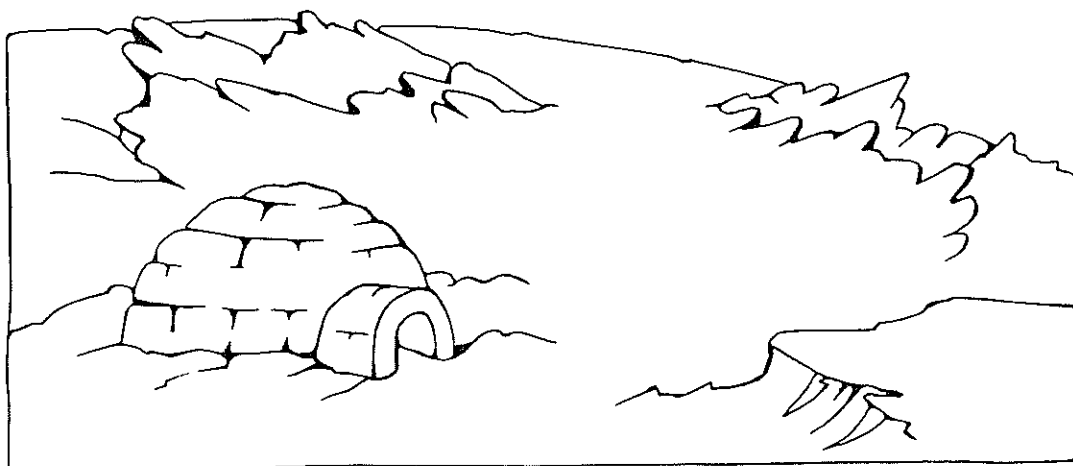
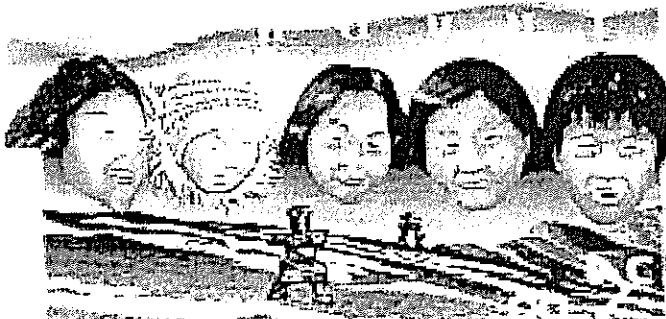
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- *Native Legends* (video). Features "The Owl Who Married a Goose" and "The Owl and The Raven", two Inuit tales, and "Summer Legend", a Micmac story. Grade level: all ages. 398.2097100497NAT.

NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

Canadian

A day when others are invited to share in the celebration of aboriginal culture in Canada.

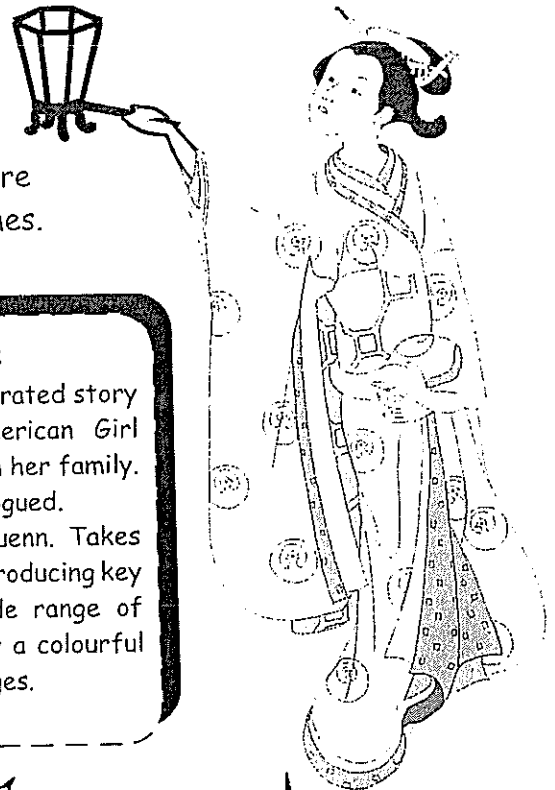
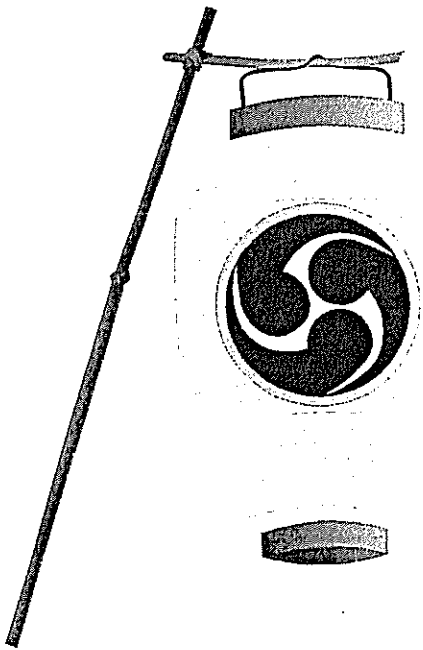


"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

OBON & BON MATSURI

Japanese

Festivals to remember and honour one's ancestors. Obon is celebrated with dancing, drumming, and temple services, while for Bon Matsuri, lanterns are placed at graves and outside homes.

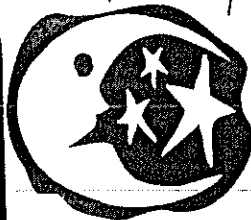


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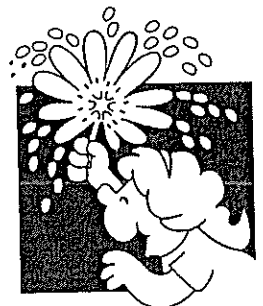
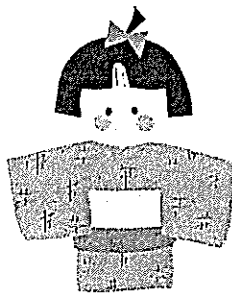
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TANABATA

A Japanese festival celebrating the legend of two lover stars on opposite sides of the Milky Way who are

able to meet only one night a year! It is celebrated with bright decorations, bells, and fireworks.



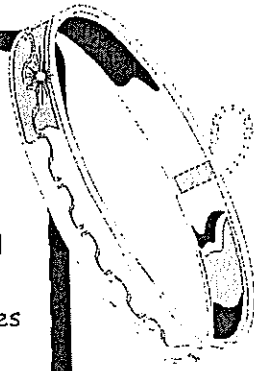
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wonder why somebody didn't do something for peace, then I realized that I am somebody..

- Anonymous

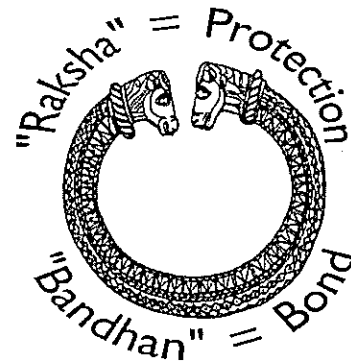
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RAKSHA BANDHAN Hindu

A Hindu festival during which sisters give their brothers good luck bracelets called "Rakhis", and brothers give their sisters a gift in return, with a promise to take care of them. "Raksha" means "protection", and "Bandhan" means "bond".

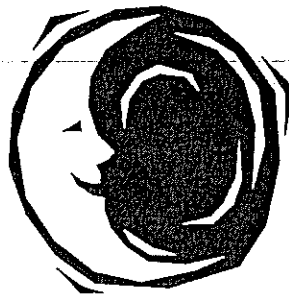


Celebrations of our world.....!



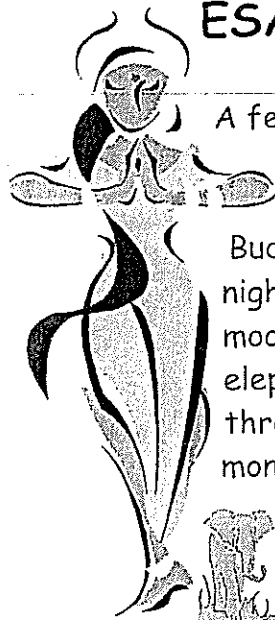
ESALA PERAHERA

A festival celebrated in Sri Lanka honouring the Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha, and lasting ten nights, ending with the full moon. It is celebrated with elephants, dancers, acrobats, drummers, flame throwers, and music. "Esala" is the name of the month, and "Perahera" means "procession".

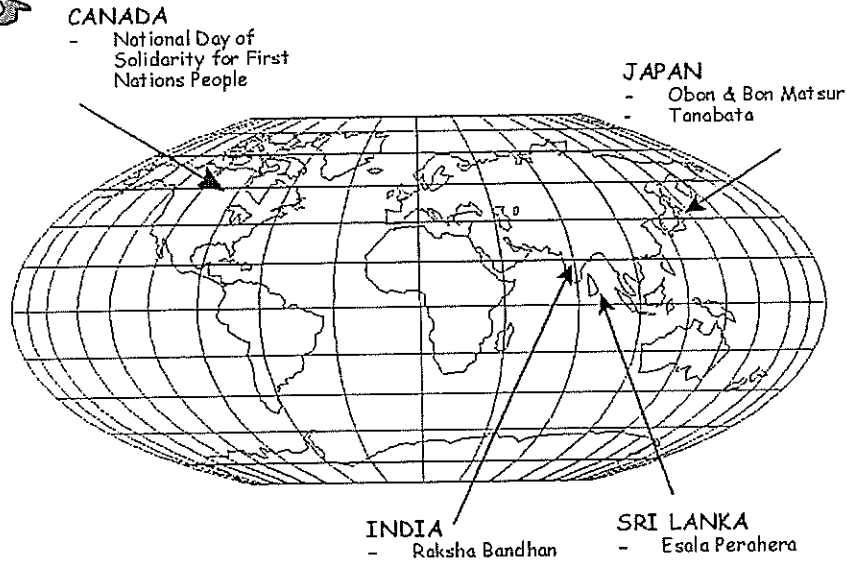


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Celebrations Around Our World



The celebrations featured in our resource guides are practised in many areas of the world.



For Other Multicultural Summer Fun, Check Out:

- * International Spring and Summer Festivals. Marilyn G. Barr.
- * Let's Celebrate. Caroline Parry. An excellent resource book describing those celebrations mentioned in this guide, as well as lesser known multicultural festivals celebrated in Canada throughout the year.



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