



Christmas Around the World

In this lesson, students will discover how Christmas is celebrated in different countries, fostering cultural awareness and appreciation.

Grades: K-3	Time: 60 mins	Subject: Social Studies & ELA
Essential Question(s)	How do people in different parts of the world celebrate Christmas?	
Focus Standard(s)	NCSS Culture: I.A.1, I.A.2 NCSS Time, Continuity, and Change: II.B.1 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3, RI.7, RI.8, RI.9, RI.10 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.1, SL.2, SL.4, SL5	
Learning Objective(s)	TSWBAT gain an understanding of how different countries celebrate Christmas by reading articles and completing activities at different stations.	
Materials/Resources	Christmas Around the World North and South America Christmas Around the World Asia and Oceania Christmas Around the World Europe and Africa Make a Santa Mask!  How to say Merry Christmas in different languages Plain white paper, crayons, colored-pencils Venn Diagram	
Vocabulary	Commemorate: remember; festival: celebration; traditional: old-fashioned; yacht: boat used for fun; caroling: singing	
Anticipatory Set (8 mins)	Ask students to share what they already know about Christmas whether that be from personal experiences or things they've read or heard about. Share a brief overview of any holiday traditions in your own culture. Explain that Christmas is celebrated in various ways around the world, and today they will learn how different countries celebrate this festive season.	
Activity	Divide the students into three groups. Each group will complete an activity at their station before transitioning to the next station. Station 1: North America and South America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students read (or listen to) the article on how people enjoy Christmas in North and South America Students make a Santa Mask (see Make a Santa Mask! article) Station 2: Asia and Oceania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students read (or listen to) the article on how people celebrate Christmas in Asia and Oceania Students complete a Venn-Diagram to compare Christmas celebrations in Australia with those in North America, taking into account the variations caused by the differences in seasons Alternative option: Students color a Christmas scene from Australia and one from North America Station 3: Europe and Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students read (or listen to) the article on how people enjoy Christmas in Europe and Africa Listen and practice how to say Merry Christmas in different languages at  How to say Merry Christmas in different languages 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative option: Students illustrate a scene depicting a Christmas celebration in Europe and another in Africa
Closure/Assessment (5 mins)	After students complete the stations, discuss how important it is to respect and appreciate different cultures and their traditions. Ask students to share one interesting thing they discovered about Christmas in a different country.
Differentiation	Adjust lexile levels as needed. Use accessibility features and read-to-me function as needed. Substitute crafts at each station to fit the needs of your students.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Write similarities and differences to compare and contrast each of the ideas.

