

Horrible Harry and the Holiday Read Aloud

3rd Grade

Reading Prose and Poetry

Literary Elements

ELA.3.R.1.1: Explain how one or more characters develop throughout the plot in a literary text.

Theme

ELA.3.R.1.2: Explain a theme and how it develops, using details, in a literary text.

Perspective and Point of View

ELA.3.R.1.3: Explain different characters' perspectives in a literary text.

SS.3.6.4.2 Identify the cultures that have settled the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

SS.3.6.4.3 Compare the cultural characteristics of diverse populations in one of the five regions of the United States with Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean. Examples are housing, music, transportation, food, recreation, language, holidays, beliefs and customs.

SS.3.6.4.4 Identify contributions from various ethnic groups to the United States. Examples are Native Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Africans, Asians, Europeans.

Approved
11/16/23
Jami Munis

A Beautiful New Tree

Kathy carefully took the Christmas tree ornaments out of their boxes. She dusted all the shiny balls. Some were very old. They had belonged to Kathy's parents when they were children. "I'm tired of the same old ornaments," Kathy told her brother Max. "Let's do something different for a change." Kathy made a list of ornaments used in other countries. She and Max went shopping. When they came home, they called their parents. Everyone was excited about the new ornaments. Two hours later, the tree was done. "This looks so great," she beamed, "I'm going to call all our friends to see our 'around-the-world' tree." The tree was beautiful. It had paper ornaments, like those in Poland. It had real candles, like those on German trees. There were cookies, wooden dolls, strings of cranberries, candy canes, popcorn, and of course, their good old ornaments.



Answer the questions below.

1. What did Kathy call their unusual tree?

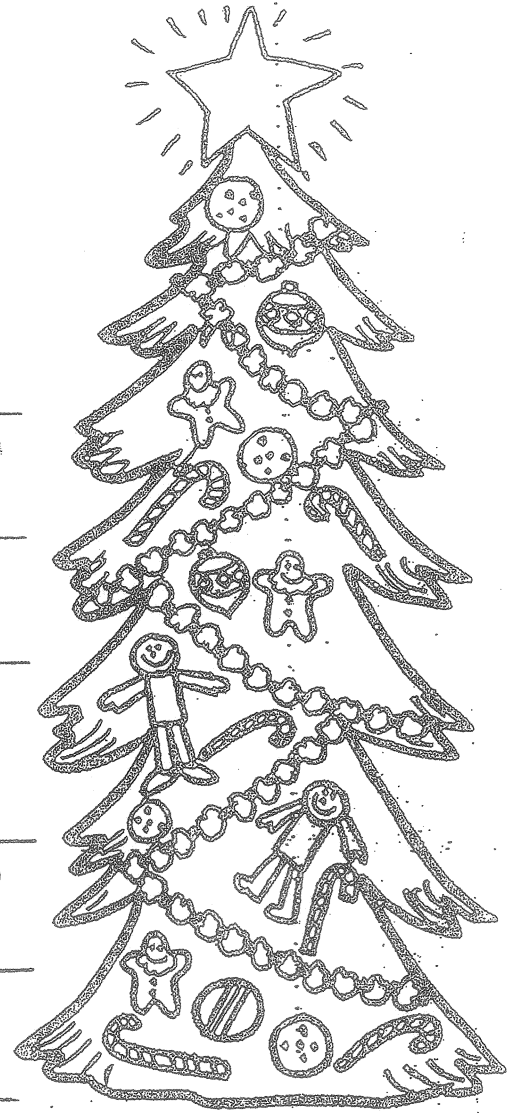
2. What kinds of food were on the tree?

3. In Poland, what kind of ornaments do they have?

4. In what country do they use real candles on their trees?

5. How did Kathy feel about their old ornaments?

6. Kathy's brother was named _____



Brainwork! Think about the question. Answer it on the back. Describe your Christmas tree or the most beautiful one you've ever seen.

Celebrating Kwanzaa

Read the passage.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966. It honors African Americans and their culture. It reminds African Americans to be proud of who they are. And it reminds them to be proud of where they came from.

Kwanzaa lasts for seven days. It starts December 26. Each night the family lights one more candle. Seven candles are kept in a holder called a kinara. Each one stands for one principle of Kwanzaa. One principle urges families to be close. Others urge people to be responsible and to work as one.

On the sixth day, there is a big feast. Family and friends gather to share a meal. They honor their culture and the new year.



Answer the questions.

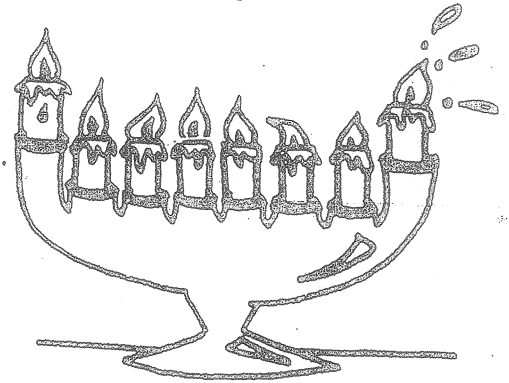
1. What year was Kwanzaa created? _____
2. Why was it created? _____

3. How many days does Kwanzaa last? _____
4. How many candles are there? _____
5. What is a kinara? _____
6. What happens on the sixth day of Kwanzaa? _____



Chanukah

Chanukah is a Jewish festival that is celebrated in December. It is also called the Festival of Lights. Chanukah is a celebration that began in 165 B.C. The Jewish people had been forbidden to use their temple, place of worship. They fought to get the temple back. It is said that when they went back to the temple they had only enough oil to burn their lamps for one day. A miracle, something impossible, happened and the oil lasted for eight days. During Chanukah one candle is lit each night for eight nights to remember the miracle. The eight candles are put in a candlestick called a Menorah. The Menorah has become a symbol, or sign of, Chanukah.



1. The main idea of this story is:
 - a. Chanukah is a Jewish festival to remember a miracle.
 - b. Eight candles are burned in December.
 - c. The Menorah means it is Chanukah time.
2. In what year did Chanukah begin?

3. What does the word "temple" mean?
 - a. a place of worship
 - b. something impossible
 - c. a candle holder
4. What miracle happened in the temple?

5. What is a Menorah?

6. What word means about the same as "symbol"?
 - a. impossible
 - b. sign
 - c. miracle

Think Ahead: Why do you think Chanukah is also called the Festival of Lights?

