

Social Studies

Grade K / Week 5

Your Week at a Glance

Area of focus: American History – Lesson: Holidays and Celebrations

Area of Focus: American History – Lesson: US Symbols

Area of Focus: American History – Lesson: Celebrating America

STANDARDS:

SS.K.A.2.2 Recognize the importance of celebrations and national holidays as a way of remembering and honoring people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage.

SS.K.A.2.3 Compare our nation's holidays with holidays of other cultures.

SS.K.A.2.5 Recognize the importance of U.S. symbols.

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Holidays and Celebrations (adapted from Florida Studies Weekly Week 22)

People around the world celebrate special days in different ways.

Birthdays



What do you like to eat on your birthday? In Brazil, children often eat candy that is shaped like vegetables. In Great Britain, children often eat gelatin with ice cream on top.

Winter Holidays

Many families celebrate holidays during the winter. Jewish families light a candle each night during Hanukkah. Hindu families light lamps and set off fireworks during Diwali.



Las Posadas



In Mexico, Las Posadas is part of the Christmas celebration. Neighbors sing songs, and children break a piñata to get treats.

Shoes by the Fireplace



In France, children put their shoes by the fireplace on Christmas Eve. Father Christmas fills the shoes with gifts.

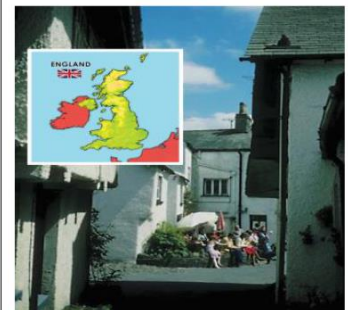
Stars in the Windows

In the Philippines, families make stars to hang in their windows at Christmas. The stars are called parols.



Boxing Day

In England, the day after Christmas is called Boxing Day. On Boxing Day, many families give gifts to people who work in their community.



Name: _____

1. What day do people in England give gifts to community workers?

- Christmas
- Boxing Day

2. What is different about the way children in Brazil celebrate birthdays compared to the United States?

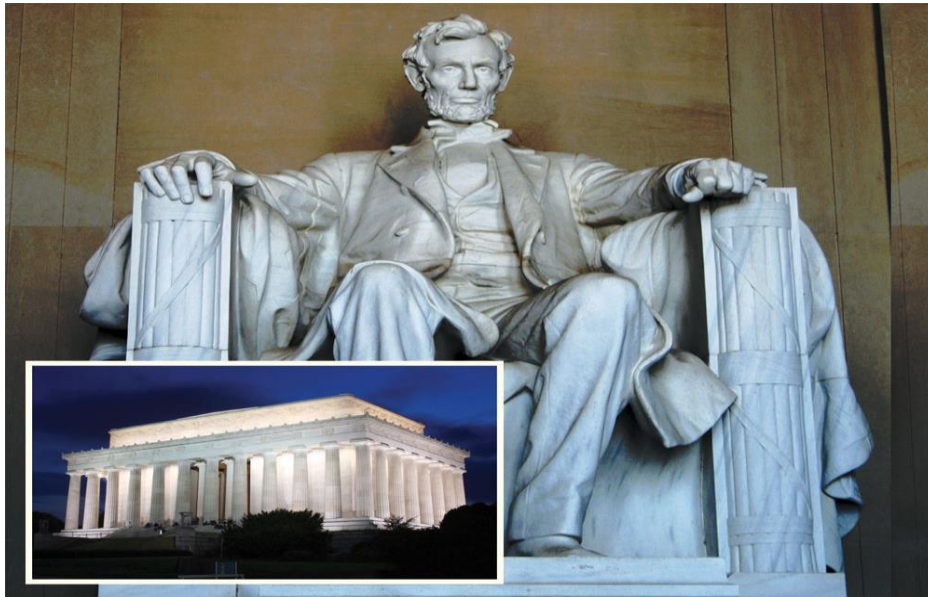
- They eat candy shaped liked vegetables.
- They light candles.

3. What is one way your family celebrates a holiday in winter?

4. Fill in the circle(s) next to the holidays that use candles.

- Hanukkah
- Christmas
- Valentine's Day

US Symbols (adapted from Florida Studies Weekly Week 25)



Many monuments are built to honor people. Monuments can be statues, buildings or other things.

The White House



The White House is the president's home. It is in Washington, D.C. There are many monuments in Washington, D.C.

Mount Rushmore



Mount Rushmore is in South Dakota. Four presidents are on Mount Rushmore—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

Mount Vernon



The White House was not finished when George Washington was president. His home is called Mount Vernon.

Name: _____

1. Which president does this monument honor?

- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln
- Thomas Jefferson



2. Where did George Washington live when he was president?

- White House
- Mount Vernon

3. What is one way you can be helpful at home?

4. Why do we have monuments in the United States?

- to honor important people in our history
- to give presidents a place to live

Celebrating America
(adapted from Florida Studies Weekly Week 26)



The bald eagle is the national symbol of America.

A symbol is something that stands for something else.

The Liberty Bell

Did you know the Liberty Bell is cracked? It happened when it rang on Washington's birthday more than one hundred years ago.



Fourth of July



On the Fourth of July, we celebrate the day our country became the United States of America. There are parades and fireworks all over the country.

How did people celebrate the first Fourth of July? In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, they read the Declaration of Independence, rang church bells and listened to bands play American music.

Rosie the Riveter



Rosie the Riveter stands for all the hard work women do for our country. Rosie was not a real person, but she is an important American symbol.

Name: _____

1. What does Rosie the Riveter stand for?

- hard work women do
- freedom for all Americans



2. Fill in the circles next to the ways Americans celebrated the Fourth of July, long ago in Philadelphia.

- rang church bells
- read the Declaration of Independence
- went to the Statue of Liberty
- listened to bands play American music
- watched cars in a parade

3. How can you learn about people who lived long ago?

- look at old photographs
- talk to them

4. The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of _____.
