



Celebrating Together

Group Activity: Social Studies - Introducing World Holidays

Objective:

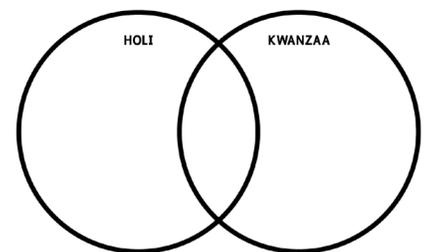
This activity reinforces listening skills as students complete this compare and contrast social studies task.

Materials:

- Sequence strip (provided)
- Holiday images (provided)
- Teacher's key (provided)
- Holiday videos (links provided)
- World holiday resources (provided)
- Computer or other device to screen videos
- Internet connection
- Scissors
- Glue
- Chart paper or poster board (2)

Preparation:

1. Print, laminate, and cut the sequence strip.
2. Print:
 - a. Holiday images (provided)
 - b. Teacher's key (provided)
3. This activity is designed to take place during two separate group lesson sessions. You may choose to focus on only one set of holidays and complete one Venn diagram, separate the activity into two group sessions, or complete both Venn diagrams during one group session.
4. Refer to the word holiday resources list to familiarize yourself with the chosen holidays and to provide students more information about the holiday prior to this lesson.
5. Select which set of holidays to teach first:
 - a. Kwanzaa and Holi
 - b. New Year's Eve and the Lunar New Year
6. Cut out the holiday images for the selected holiday set.
7. Preview the videos to ensure that they are appropriate for your students. Be advised the video may contain ads.
 - a. [My First Kwanzaa](#)
 - b. [Holi: Festival of Colors](#)
 - c. [The Night Before New Year's Day](#)
 - d. [Lunar New Year](#)
8. Set up the computer and speakers and cue up the first video.
9. Draw a Venn diagram on chart paper or poster board. Label each circle with one holiday name (see example).
10. Have the sequence strip on hand, and refer to it throughout the activity to guide students.



Venn diagram example

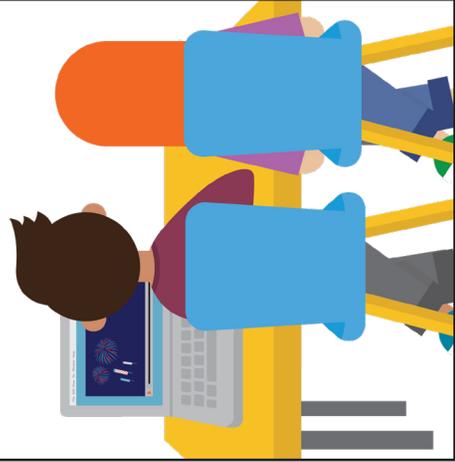
Instructions:

1. Briefly explain to students that today they will learn about different holidays. Lead a discussion about holidays, emphasizing that, while holidays or celebrations might be different, there can also be things that are the same across different holidays.
2. Play both videos for the chosen set of holidays (Kwanzaa and Holi or New Year's Eve/Day and Lunar New Year).
3. Show students the Venn diagram. Point out that the outer sections of the circles show how the holidays are different from each other and that the inner part, where the circles overlap, shows how the holidays are the same.
4. Select one of the holiday images and identify the image. Ask students, "Which holiday does this picture go with? Is it one of the holidays or both of the holidays?" Assist students in determining the correct holiday (reference the teacher's key as needed).
5. Select a student to glue the image in the correct place on the Venn diagram.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 for all remaining holiday images.

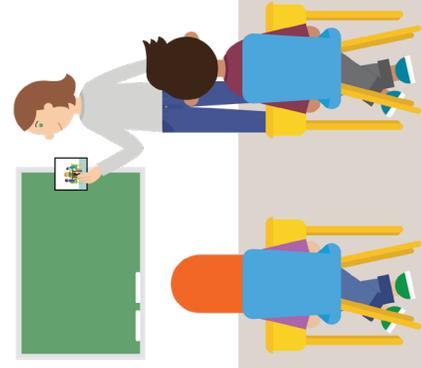
Sequence strip



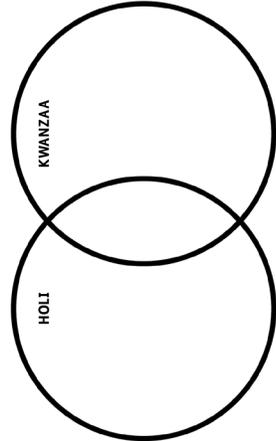
Watch the videos



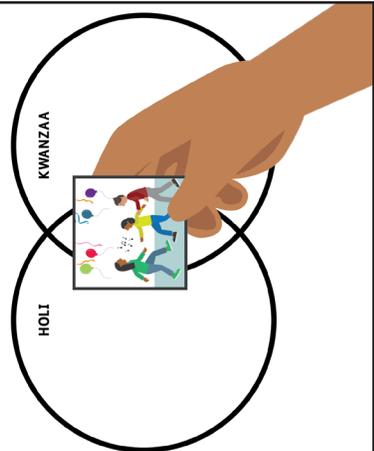
Look at the picture



Decide where it goes on the Venn diagram



Glue the picture



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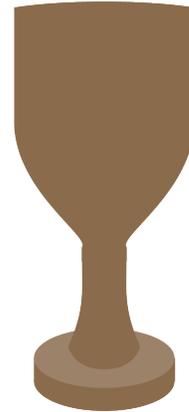
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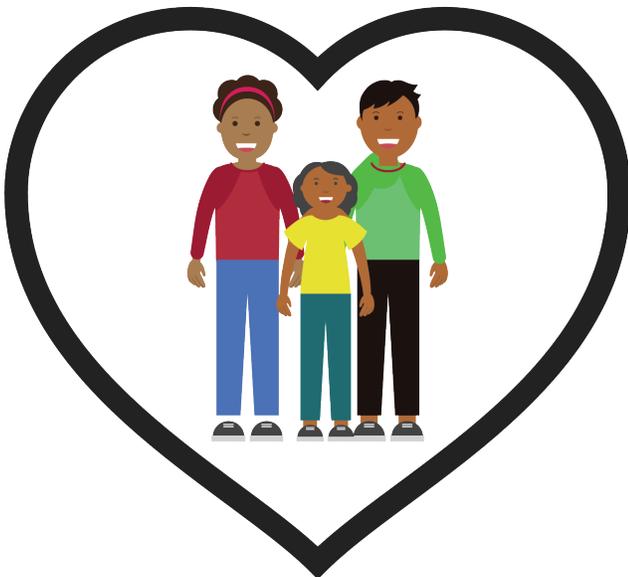
Light candles



Unity cup



**Faith in self, family, future,
and past**

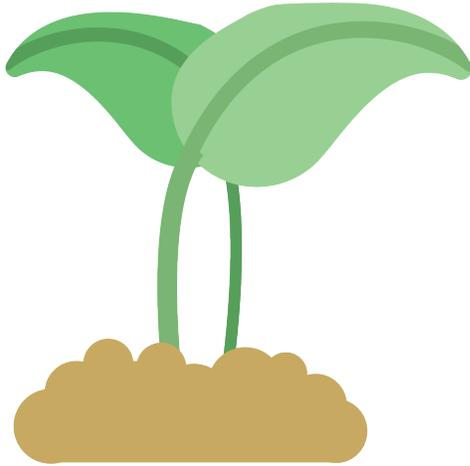


**End of harvest/Beginning of
planting season**

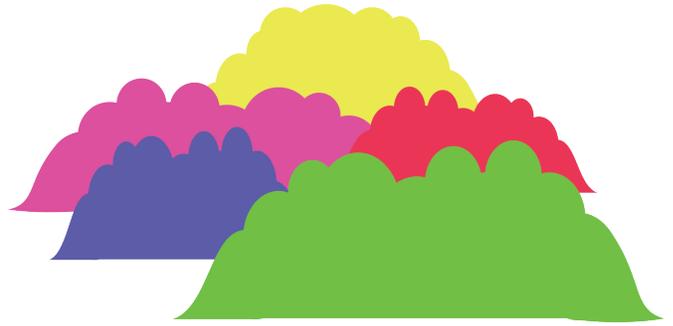




Celebrate new beginnings



Get colored powders



Throw powders to celebrate



Spend time with family and friends





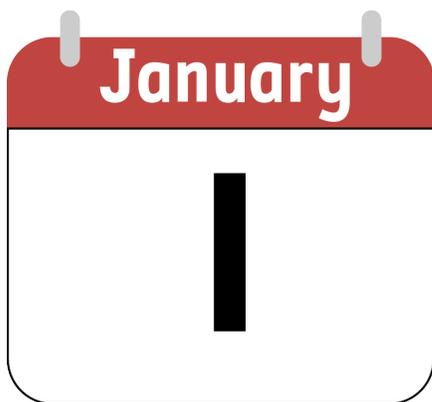
Sing and dance



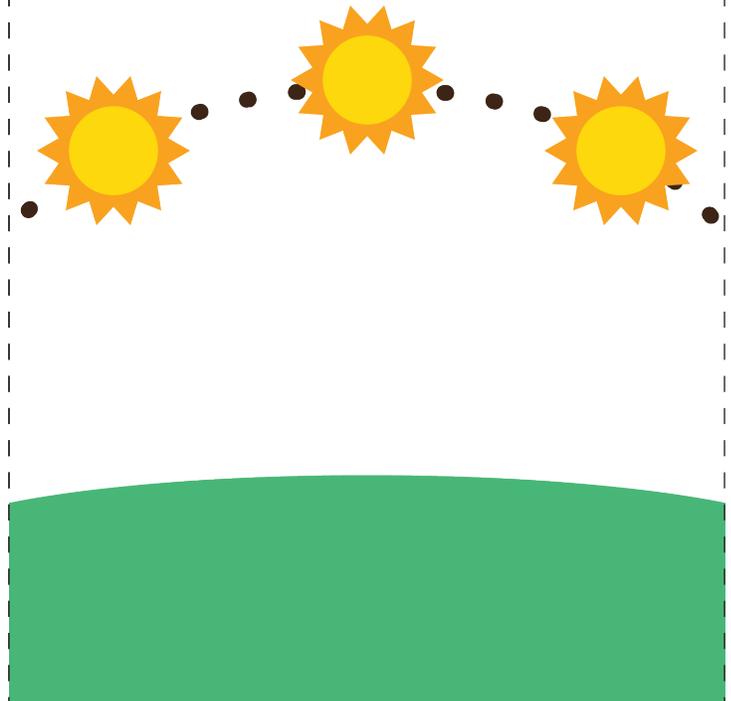
Eat a special meal with family



January 1st



One day long

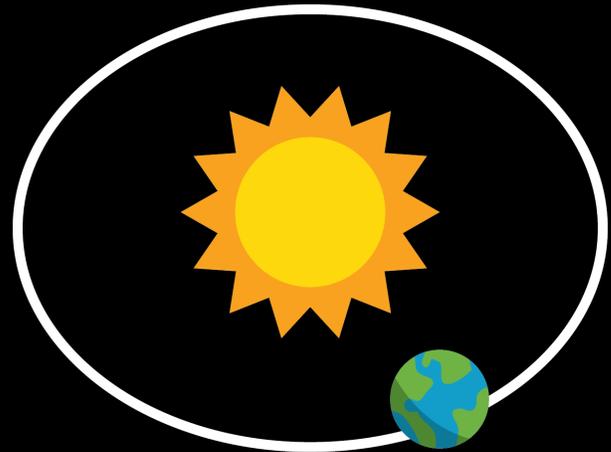




Make goals/resolutions



Celebrate a new year



Ball drop



15 days long





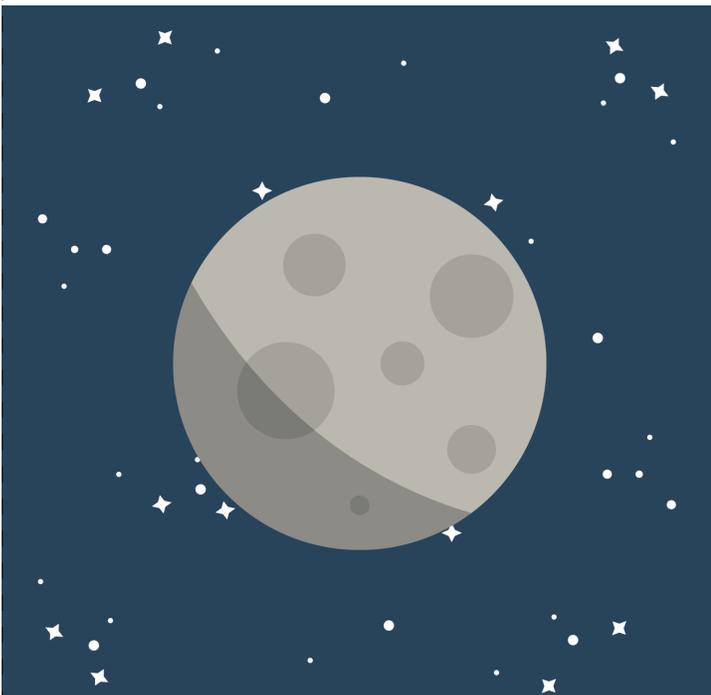
Prepare for good luck



Celebrate spring coming



Follows the lunar calendar



Paper lanterns

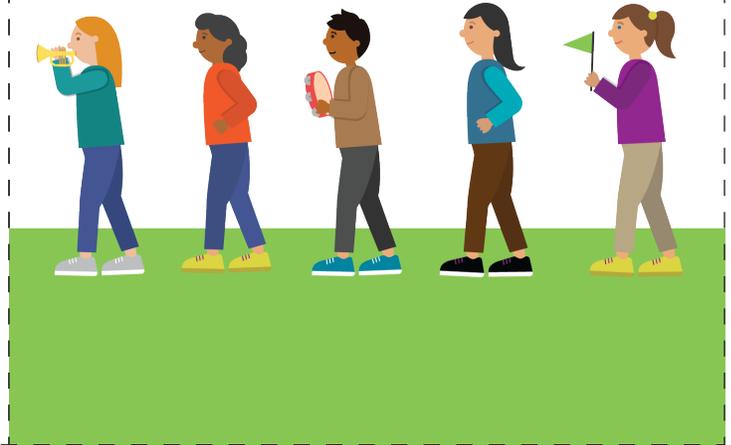




Fireworks



Parades



Kwanzaa	Holi	Both
Light candles	Celebrate new beginnings	Spend time with family and friends
Unity cup	Get colored powders	Sing and dance
Faith in self, family, future and past	Throw powders and celebrate	Special meal with family
End of harvest and beginning of planting season		

New Year's Eve/Day	Lunar New Year	Both
January 1st	15 days	Spend time with family and friends
1 day	Prepare for good luck	Fireworks
Make goals/resolutions	Celebrate spring coming	Parades
Celebrate a new year	Paper lanterns	
Ball drop	Follows the lunar calendar	