

Holiday Trivia

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Holiday Trivia -- ANSWERS

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- 1. What are the five traditional colors of Christmas?**
Red, green, white, gold, and silver
- 2. What are the three traditional colors of Hanukkah?**
Blue, white, and silver
- 3. What are the three traditional colors of Kwanzaa?**
Red, green, and black
- 4. Is Christmas a religious holiday?**
Yes. It is a Christian religious holiday.
- 5. What does Christmas celebrate?**
The birth of Christ
- 6. When is Christmas celebrated?**
December 25. Although the actual date of Christ's birthday is unknown, Christians began celebrating Christmas on December 25 some time after the legalization of Christianity by the Emperor Constantine in the year 313.
- 7. What is Advent and how long does it last?**
Christians who celebrate Advent prepare themselves through prayer and atonement for the celebration of Christ's birth and the time when He comes again to judge the world. Advent includes the four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Depending on when the Sundays fall, it can last between three and four weeks.
- 8. Do all Christians formally celebrate the season of Advent?**
Although many Christians celebrate Advent as a countdown to Christmas, only some, including Catholics and Lutherans, have formal practices that include prayers, blessings, and the lighting of candles each of the four Sundays and Christmas Eve.
- 9. Is Hanukkah a religious holiday?**
Yes. It is a Jewish religious holiday.

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10. **When is Hanukkah celebrated and how many days does it last?**
This year Hanukkah - also known as the Festival of Lights -- is December 16 through December 23. Because of the differences between the Hebrew calendar and the Gregorian calendar, Hanukkah begins at sundown of the previous day. So, this year, Hanukkah begins at sunset on December 15. It usually falls in November or December depending on the 25th day of Kislev, a month on the Hebrew calendar. It lasts for eight days.

11. **What does Hanukkah celebrate?**
Hanukkah, which means dedication, celebrates the Miracle of the Oil during the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its destruction. At the re-dedication of the Temple, there was only enough oil to light the eternal flame for one day but the oil burned miraculously for eight days - until new oil was pressed, prepared, and consecrated.

12. **What is a Menorah?**
A menorah is a lamp that holds eight candles and symbolizes the eight days the Eternal Flame of the Temple burned.

13. **How do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?**
They say prayers and light their Menorah. They light one candle the first night, two candles the second night and so on for eight days. Some families also play a game with a four-sided top, called a dreidl, and exchange gifts.

14. **Is Kwanzaa a religious holiday?**
No. It is a non-religious, cultural celebration started in 1966 to inspire African Americans working for progress in their lives and communities.

15. **When is Kwanzaa celebrated and how many days does it last?**
Kwanzaa begins on December 26 and lasts for seven days.

16. **What does Kwanzaa celebrate?**
Kwanzaa celebrates the values of ancient African cultures. Each day of Kwanzaa honors one of seven principles believed to be the foundation for building strong, productive families and communities in Africa.

17. **How do African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa?**
There are seven principles associated with the seven days of Kwanzaa and each day family members gather around a seven-branched candleholder, called a kinara, and light a candle. As the candle burns, the family discusses one of the seven principles: Unity, Self-

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determination, Collective responsibility, Cooperative economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. During the seven days, people also greet one another by saying "Habari gani," a Swahili phrase that means, "What's new?" The response to the greeting relates to one of the seven principles.

- 18. Do people who celebrate Kwanzaa, do so in lieu of Christmas or Hanukkah?**

No. Because Kwanzaa is a non-religious celebration, African Americans also celebrate religious holidays according to their faith.