

AROUND THE WORLD FULL UNIT

A collage of educational worksheets for a Christmas unit. The worksheets are scattered on a light brown wooden surface. One worksheet in the foreground is titled "Holidays in Brazil" and includes "TEACHER INFORMATION" and a list of facts about Brazilian Christmas traditions. Another worksheet is titled "Christmas in Netherland" and features a drawing of a child and a reindeer. A third worksheet is titled "Holidays in Mexico" and includes a drawing of a piñata. Other worksheets in the background are titled "Christmas Around the World" and "Holidays in Israel".

Christmas Around the World

Name: _____

Complete the KWL chart for Christmas and how it's celebrated around the world.

What I Know	What I Want	What I Learned
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Holidays in Brazil

TEACHER INFORMATION
(Use this information to introduce discussion map.)

- Brazilians celebrate Christmas which they call Presepio.
- On Christmas Eve, Families have Midnight Mass. This can be at 11:00 AM!
- Father Noel (Papal Noel) brings the children and Families gifts.
- Fireworks happen in the middle of Christmas time.
- Celebrations last until January 6th is called Epiphany. On this day, in history, the wise men took the baby Jesus to Egypt.

Christmas in Netherland

Name: _____

Write what you learned about how they celebrate the holidays.

Holidays in Mexico

Name: _____

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What's Included?

- **Picture map**
 - **Teacher information script for map**
 - **Mini book**
- **Fill-in-the-blank with answer key**
- **4-page mini book**
- **Fold-and-snip book**



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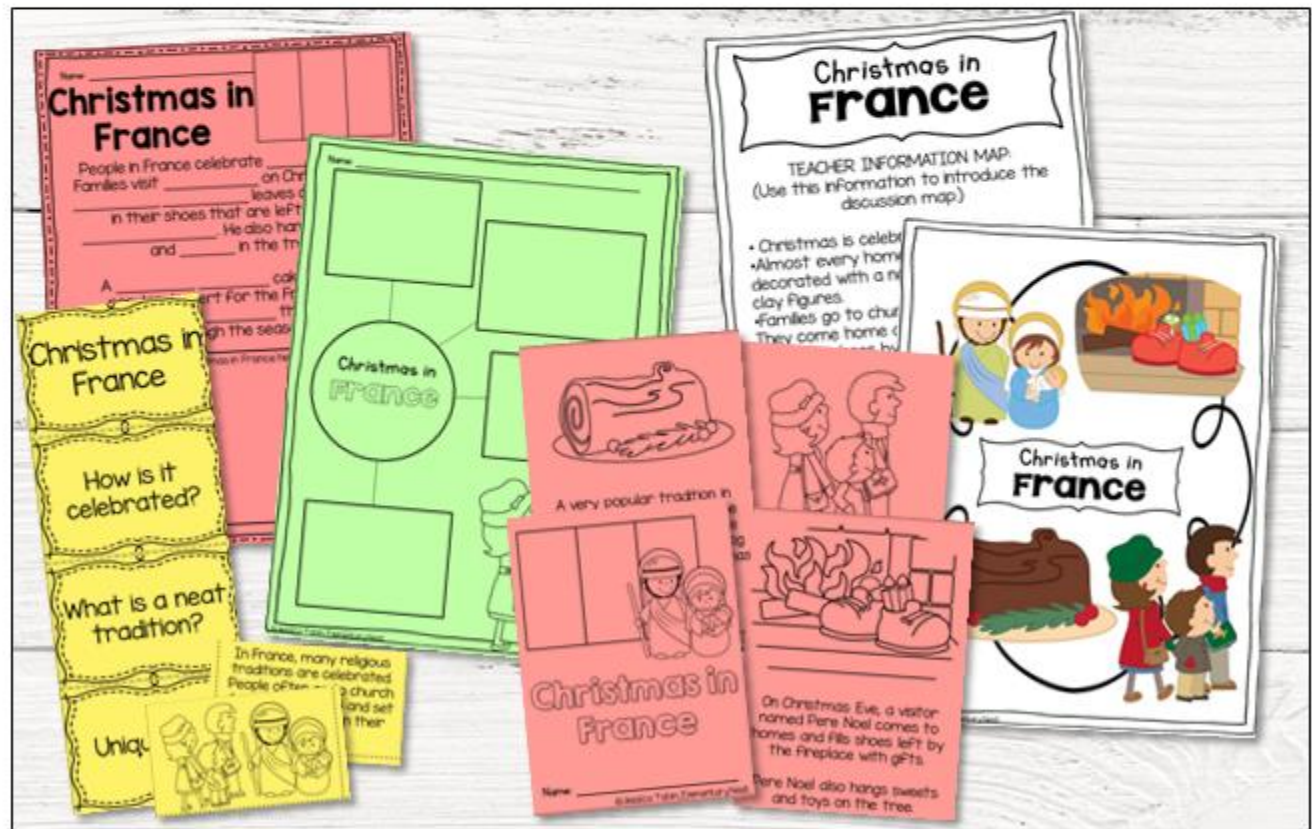
Before starting your unit, you can ask students to **gather their prior knowledge** using two worksheets. (There are two options for this: 'Holidays' or 'Christmas'.)



Then, students will begin to create and **assemble their passport booklet**. Inside pages will not be completed until they learn about each holiday.

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Then, you and the students will work through the 13 different countries and holidays. There are both whole group learning activities and independent reading and writing activities.



READING PASSAGES

There are
13 reading passage sets in
this PDF.
Each story comes with
1 reading passage page &
1 comprehension questions page.



READING PASSAGES



Christmas & Holidays Included

Christmas in...

- America
- Australia
- Brazil
- England
- France

Christmas in...

- Germany
- Mexico
- The Netherlands
- Sweden
- The Philippines

Other Holidays Covered...

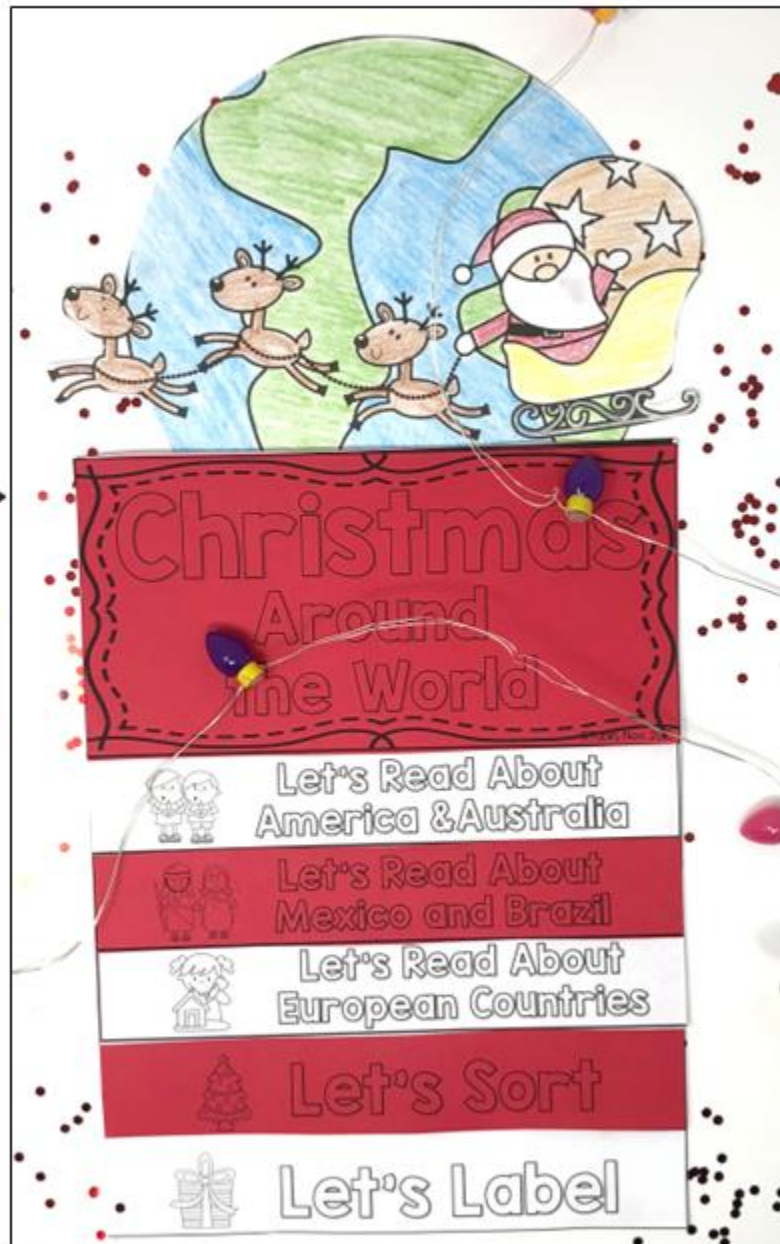
- Hanukkah
- Kwanzaa
- Diwali

FLIP BOOK



Countries Included:

Australia
America
Brazil
Mexico
Germany
Sweden
England
France



FLIP BOOK

If you're wanting to teach Christmas traditions in other countries, but you're short on time, this flip book is perfect! This is a quick way to squeeze a Christmas Around the World lesson into your busy December schedule.



This flip book comes with 7 pages.

- 1 flip book topper
- 1 cover page
- 3 pages of reading about Christmas in various countries
 - With comprehension questions
- 2 pages of follow-up activities
 - Sorting unique facts
 - Labeling traditions

FLIP BOOK



Christmas Around the World

In America, Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. Santa Claus visits houses and delivers presents. Around the holiday season, people decorate their houses and Christmas trees. Kids leave milk and cookies for Santa. He leaves them gifts under the tree and in their stockings.

Fact about American Christmas:

In Australia, Christmas is in December, too. However, December in Australia is during the summer season. Many families have picnics on the beach. One tradition in Australia is Carols by Candlelight. This is when people sing Christmas songs together on Christmas Eve.

Fact about Australian Christmas:



Let's Read About America & Australia

In Brazil, Christmas is celebrated for a couple of weeks. Many people in Brazil set up the Nativity Scene, which is called Presépio there. On Christmas Eve many people go to Midnight Mass. Overnight Father Noel, also called Papai Noel brings gifts to children and families. Their Christmas celebration doesn't end until January 6th. This is called Three Kings Day, which celebrates the day when the wise men took gifts to baby Jesus.

Fact about Christmas in Brazil:

In Mexico, Christmas is called La Posada. This word means 'procession', which is one way that they celebrate. This procession is when many people travel through the town with a picture of Mary and Joseph. In Mexico, poinsettias are a symbol for the holiday. Another way they celebrate is when families get together and talk, dance, and eat. Sometimes, the children play with piñatas at these Christmas celebrations.

Fact about Christmas in Mexico:



Let's Read About Mexico and Brazil



In England, people celebrate by setting up Christmas trees and stockings. Children write letters to Father Christmas and put it in the mail. Father Christmas visits them and leaves them gifts. Also on Christmas, the Queen delivers a Royal Message on the television that many people watch.

Fact about Christmas in England:

In France, families go to church on Christmas Eve. When they come home, they put their shoes by their fireplaces. Père Noël will visit while they sleep and leave them gifts. He will also leave treats and toys hanging in the trees. One popular tradition is to burn a Yule Log from Christmas until the New Year.

Fact about Christmas in France:

In Sweden, Christmas celebrations begin on December 13th. This is St. Lucia's Day. The boys and girls of the family wear white robes, hats, or crowns. The chosen Lucia will bring breakfast to the family. Tomte is a Christmas gnome, who some family members may dress up like when they hand out their Christmas gifts.

Fact about Christmas in Sweden:

In Germany, many families have more than one Christmas tree in their home. Christkind is their visitor who leaves gifts for the children. Making gingerbread houses and trees is a very popular past time. They also have an Advent wreath with four candles that they light each Sunday in December.

Fact about Christmas in Germany:



Let's Read About European Countries

Germany

Brazil

Me

An Advent wreath has four candles that are lit every Sunday.

Children write letters to Father Christmas and put them in the mail.

Poinsettias are used to decorate.

Christmas is celebrated in the summer season.

A Yule Log is burned from Christmas until New Year's Day.

They celebrate Three Kings Day on January 6th.

Père Noël leaves gifts in shoes next to the fireplace.

Papai Noel brings gifts for children on Christmas.

Gingerbread houses and cookies are made and decorated.

Children play with piñatas at family celebrations.

Families have picnics on the beach on Christmas.

The Queen delivers a Royal Message on the TV.



Let's Sort

Write the name of the country that each Christmas image is associated with. Use your flip book to find the answers.



Let's Label

PLUS FREE OUTLINE PAGES!

