

PROJECT TITLE:	
Holidays, What are they all about?	
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CLASSROOM PRACTICE (DOCUMENT #1)

1. HI Overview & Teaching Thesis:

This instructional kit focuses on students acting as detectives and analyzing primary and secondary sources to uncover the holiday they represent. Each item being analyzed by students will provide clues about the history of the holiday, and the customs and traditions of the holiday. Not only are students learning about a few of the holidays on the calendar, but they are learning how to become historians.

2. Suggested Grade Level and Length of Activities: 3rd grade, 2 – 45 min. class period (or 1-90 minute class period)

3. Significance & Relevance:

- Third graders in Virginia need to know that America are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs and traditions. The focus is often food, clothing, and music, but why not on holidays? We miss school for some of them, but do our students understand why? We take for granted that students will figure out how some of the holidays on the traditional calendar got there – whether they were brought with immigrants from their homeland, or whether it is unique to America. This kit is designed to teach the history of six holidays that appear on the calendar, and the customs/traditions associated with them.
- Selected State & National Standards –
 - VA SOL History 3.12 - The student will recognize that Americans are a people of diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who are united by the basic principles of a republican form of government and respect for individual rights and freedoms.
- OAH Historical Inquiry Skills –
 - Chronological Thinking (D) – Students should be able to measure and calculate calendar time by days, weeks, months and years...

Historical Research Capabilities (B) - Obtain historical data from a variety of sources, including: library and museum collections, historic sites, historical photos, journals, diaries, eyewitness accounts, newspapers, and the like; documentary films; and so on.

4. Technology (if applicable) -

- **Computer with PowerPoint software and connection to a projector**
- **For extension – computers for students to complete their research**

5. Modifications, Differentiation, and Extensions –

1. Now It's Your Turn extension – Allow students to choose another holiday to research on their own. They would use online resources, encyclopedias or trade books to gather their research. They would complete the graphic organizer as they worked. (See Now It's Your Turn handout)
2. Create a bulletin board map that students can pin the origins of their holidays on. They would write the holiday on a small note card/post it note and place it on the board. Add to it throughout the year.
3. Create a large class chart with the information learned. It should have 4 columns. First column = Name of holiday, 2nd column = When Celebrated, 3rd column = Origin of Holiday, 4th column = Customs/ Traditions of Holiday. As students share their information, the chart gets filled in. You can add to it throughout the year.

6. Lesson Overview

Guiding Questions	Objectives	Assessment	Activities to support objectives and assessment
Title: Lesson One Guiding Questions: Where do some holidays on the American calendar come from? Why do we celebrate holidays? How do holidays reflect the diverse cultures in America?	1. Students will be able to identify the country that Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving originated in, as well as be able to discuss the customs and traditions associated with them. 2. Students will be able to select and evaluate a holiday for its origin, customs, and traditions.(Extension)	Assessment- Journal: Think about a holiday your family celebrates. When is it? What traditions and/or customs do you associate with it? What special food or clothes do you wear? Why is it important for your family? Is it unique to your family, or shared with others?	• Mystery Holiday Hook (obj 1) • Powerpoint – Holidays (obj. 1) • Analyzing Documents Handout (obj. 1) • Holiday Lesson Set (documents) (obj. 1) • 3-2-1-exit slips (obj. 1) • Journal Reflection Sheet (obj. 2) • Now It's Your Turn (extension sheet) (obj. 2)

7. Related Materials and Resources:

a. Lesson Plans

- i. Day 1 – As a hook for today students will become detectives and investigate and analyze a set of holiday documents to try and discover which holiday it is and why they think so (using a document analysis organizer). After a brief discussion about calendars and their history, students will look at one month on a calendar to discover how to read a holiday. Then, students will be given an envelope with another set of holiday documents, and resume their detective role. They will complete another document analysis graphic organizer as a group. Before class ends, students will complete a 3-2-1-exit slip about the holiday their group just uncovered.
- ii. Day 2 – Students will review their document analysis sheet from yesterday. Today they will be presenting their discoveries to the rest of the class. They will have 5-7 minutes per group to show their documents, and what they learned. They will reveal the holiday they had, and the traditions/customs associated with it. At the end of sharing, students will complete another 3-2-1-exit slip, but it must be about the other holidays (not the one they researched)! Finally, students will complete a journal reflection/assessment in which they have to draw a picture of a holiday their family celebrates every year, and then write a paragraph describing it (including their traditions/customs, when it is celebrated, and whether it's a holiday everyone celebrates or only some people).

b. Supplemental PowerPoints, worksheets, handouts, answer keys

- i. Holiday Hook Documents
- ii. Holiday Hook Document Analysis Graphic Organizer
- iii. Holiday Lesson PowerPoint
- iv. Holiday Lesson Document Analysis Graphic Organizer
- v. Holiday Documents
- vi. Journal Reflection/Assessment Sheet
- vii. 3-2-1-exit Slip
- viii. Extension – Now It's Your Turn sheet
- ix. Holiday Document PowerPoint (all the documents in a powerpoint if you want to share with the class)

c. Grading Assessment (Formative or Summative) with answer keys and/or rubric

- i. 3-2-1-exit slips
- ii. Journal Reflection/Assessment Sheet

8. Annotated Instructional Bibliography

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<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/pga.01013/> (Library of Congress – Declaration of Independence)

<http://blogs.loc.gov/law/2011/07/monticello-the-home-of-independence-day/> (Jack Looney – 2010 Independence Day Celebration & Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello)

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/section/topic9982> (North Carolina Fourth of July Festival)

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/highsm.04694/> (Library of Congress – July 4th fireworks in Washington, D.C.)

Letter from John Adams to Abigail Adams, 3 July 1776, "Had a Declaration..." [electronic edition]. *Adams Family Papers: An Electronic Archive*. Massachusetts Historical Society.

<http://www.masshist.org/digitaladams/> (Mass. Historical Society - Independence Day quote)

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<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2011646916/resource/> (Library of Congress – Mardi Gras Parade)

<http://www.buycostumes.com/Mardi-Gras-Plastic-Coins-Asst-Bag-of-100/26460/ProductDetail.aspx> (Coins thrown at Mardi Gras)

http://www.123rf.com/photo_915485_mardi-gras-beads--green-gold-purple.html (Beads thrown at Mardi Gras)

<http://www.holidays.net/mardigras/cake.htm> (Kings Cake)

<http://www.twainquotes.com/MardiGras.html> (Quotes about Mardi Gras)

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89 (Picture of St. Patrick)

<http://www.serenebeautyphotos.com/?tag=four-leaf-clover> (Shamrock picture)

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http://www.123rf.com/photo_7358141_the-saint-patrick-day-parade-in-new-york-city.html (St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC – bagpipes/kilts)

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<http://pubrecord.org/commentary/4762/labor-day-the-unknown-holiday/> (Labor Day postage stamp)

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/june.html> (Calendar of June events in PowerPoint)