

Holidays

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National holidays intensify the sense of national _____, yet patriotism in America is different from patriotism in other countries. For other nations patriotism means the love of the _____. However, American patriotism focuses on the nation's _____, that historic event which signified a new start. The other main source of patriotism is the idea of _____, which guided the nation's history.

There are holidays in America which are also observed in other parts of the world: New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, Easter Sunday, _____ and Christmas Day.

New Year's Day is celebrated by feasting and watching _____ on TV. The festivities begin on the previous night, New Year's Eve when friends gather at parties to wish each other a happy new year. Every year since 1907, a 315-kilogram _____ is dropped from a _____ at 1 _____ Square in New York City. Nearly one million people go there to watch it, while millions more watch it on TV. When the ball drops at midnight, the New Year begins! Valentine's Day, on February 14th, is a celebration of love and marriage. On that day, many Americans buy _____ and _____ for the person they love. Children give valentine _____ to their special friends in school.

For Christian Americans, Easter is a religious holiday when people _____ church services to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is traditional to colour eggs and to give children chocolate eggs and sweets. On Easter Monday the President _____ an annual Easter egg _____ on the lawn of the White House to amuse children and families.

_____ is celebrated on 31st October, on the evening before All _____ Day. Children dress up as witches, ghosts, monsters, pirates, all kinds of _____ costumes, and they knock on people's doors and call out "_____ or treat!" The person at the door gives each child a treat. If, however, they refuse to give them something, they might play some small

_____ on them. Many people decorate their houses with _____'-lanterns, that is, pumpkins with a face cut out and a _____ inside and other Halloween decorations.

Christmas is a Christian holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For about a month before people send each other Christmas cards. They put up and decorate Christmas _____ (well before Christmas) and some people go to church on 24th December, on Christmas Eve. Presents are given on the 25th December, on Christmas Day, and little children believe that it is Santa Claus who brings them by slipping in through the _____. The Christmas meal is usually _____ or goose, but some people eat roast beef. Pies, cakes, and cookies are central to Christmas celebrations. Many homes and businesses are _____, inside and outside, with coloured lights, _____, angels and stars.