

Questions:

1. What is the winter solstice?

- A. The longest day of the year
- B. The shortest day of the year
- C. The first day of winter
- D. The last day of winter

2. Which ancient festival involved suspending rules and serving slaves?

- A. Yule
- B. Saturnalia
- C. Druid feasts
- D. Winter solstice

3. What did pagans believe about evergreen trees?

- A. They had magical powers
- B. They were a symbol of winter
- C. They were sacred to the gods
- D. They brought good luck

4. Who was the man known for giving presents to children?

- A. Saint Nicholas
- B. Woden
- C. Odin
- D. Jesus

5. When did Christians start celebrating Jesus' birthday?

- A. During the reign of Constantine
- B. In the 1800s
- C. In the Middle Ages
- D. After the Revolutionary War

6. What does the word "Christ" mean in Greek?

- A. Savior
- B. Messiah
- C. King
- D. Prophet

7. Why was Christmas banned in England in the 1650s?

- A. Puritans thought it was too commercialized
- B. Oliver Cromwell won a civil war
- C. It was considered a pagan holiday
- D. The colonists wanted to distance themselves from English traditions

8. Who wrote "A Visit from Saint Nick"?

- A. Clement Clark Moore
- B. Charles Dickens
- C. Thomas Nas

D. Oliver Cromwell

9. What is another name for Santa Claus?

- A. Sinterklaas
- B. Kris Kringle
- C. Father Christmas
- D. All of the above

10. When did Christmas become a federal holiday in the United States?

- A. 1800s
- B. 1870
- C. 1900s
- D. 1950s