BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW: EASTER TRADITIONS

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Source: *History*

Watch the video about Easter traditions from the History channel, and fill in the gaps with the missing information.

For many Christians, Easter is **(1)** _____ holiday of the year.

It is the culmination of the religious season of **(2)** _____ and the celebration of the **(3)** _____ of Jesus.

Easter is also a popular secular holiday associated with the **(4)** _____, colourful decorated eggs and candy.

The first recorded celebration of Easter goes back to the **(5)** _____ or even further.

Early Christians adopted Easter from a **(6)** _____ celebrating *Eostre,* the Anglo-Saxon goddess of **(7)** _____ and fertility, who consorted with a hare.

Rabbits are an ancient symbol of fertility and **(8)** _____, two ideas strongly associated with spring and with Easter.

The connection between rabbits and Easter arose in Protestant Europe in the **(9)** _____ and was probably brought to America a century later by **(10)** _____.

In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a **(11)** _____, while in different parts of Germany children wait for the Easter **(12)** _____, chick, rooster or stork.

Eggs also symbolise fertility and **(13)** _____.

For centuries, the **(14)** _____ banned eggs along with other foods during Lent, and it became a special treat to eat them again at Easter.

(15) _____ eggs is one of the oldest Easter customs.

American cany makers produce **(16)** _____ chocolate bunnies and **(17)** _____ jelly beans each year.

Although jelly beans were invented in the 17th century, they only became an Easter candy in the **(18)** _____, after merchants pointed out how much they look like eggs.

Nowadays, more candy is sold for Easter than any other holiday, except for **(19)** _____, and more than 88% of American parents prepare **(20)** _____ for their kids.

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