

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 candy 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.