HANUKKAH ARTICLE

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What is Hanukkah?

Honukkah (aliso spelled Chanukah) is a Jewish celebration that lasts a total of eight days.

Hanutkan starts on the 25th of Kişlev (a month on the Jewish colendar) and is known as "dedication" in Hebrew I'r usually accurs in November or December

The holiday remnals Jewish people to rededicate themselves to their fath and culture. Gift exchanges, traditional food and garnes, as well as lighting the menorah (lamp) are all part of this helday celebration. It is known as the Festival of Lights.

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Honukkah Troditio

An important symbol during Hanukkah is the nine branched menorsh. On each of the eight nights, a candle is added to the menorsh after sundown. The ninth condie is used to light the other condies.



The menorah is proudly displayed where athers can see it, and blessed each night after another condic is added. The menorah is very important as during the first Hanukkah there was anly enough of for the menorah light to last one right. But it confirmed for the entire 8 days.

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Harukkah also includes attending temple, solying special protyers, exchanging name and gifts such as checolate coms (gelt) wrapped in Fall, and playing with dreidels. Dreidels are a Faur—saded top that an each side spells out the Hebrew phrase to great miningle happened here? (in Eurel) or to great miningle happened feeter (in other parts of fere world).





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Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES



- ✓ 1 Non-Fiction Article
- ✓ Regular & Modified Versions
- ✓ Teacher Instructions
- ✓ MP3 Audio Files
- ✓ 3 Post-Reading Activities
- ✓ Answer Keys
- ✓ Print & Digital Formats

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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History of Hanukkah

Hanukkah Traditions

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SAMPLE ANSWERS

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- 2. How many days is th 8 days.
- 3. What does this holid The holiday reminds Je and culture.
- 4. Explain the conflict than Walkah originates in the regained control over the conquered Israel years

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- 5. What is a me An important s (lamp). On each sundown. The r is very important as a for the menorah light days.
- 6. What are some com Popular Hanukkah food: jam filled donuts (sufg
- 7. In addition to food, we Hanukkah also includes money and gifts such a playing with dreidels.

ANSWERS

Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

- 1. Why does the article include photos?
- A. To help the reader understand the various Hanukkah symbols
- B. To take up space
- C. To make it faster to read

ANSWER

KEYS

- B. The year 164 Before Common Time
- C. 164 days ago
- D. None of the above
- 4. Which is a traditional Hanukkah food?
- A. Potato pancakes, blintzes and jam filled doughnuts
- B. Maple syrup, pancakes, and waffles
- C. Steak and mashed potatoes
- D. Sugar doughnuts, chocolate chip pancakes and crepes

REGULAR ARTICLE

HANUKKAH

MODIFIED ARTICLE



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Hanukkah also includes attending temple, saying special prayers, exchanging money and gifts such as chocolate coins (gelt) wrapped in foil, and playing with dreidels. Dreidels are a four—sided top that on each side spells out the Hebrew phrase "a great miracle happened here" (in Israel) or "a great miracle happened there" (in other parts of the world).

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Word Bank

conquered – to take control of a person, place or thing

banned - something that is not allowed

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WHAT'S INSIDE?



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LESSON PLAN

Hanukkah

Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

Materials Needed:

Photocopy a class set of the following or use the provided Google Slides version for 1:1 technology schools:

■ K-W-I Chart **LESSON** PLAN

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Video

■ Video #1: History of the Holidays: Hanukkah

ARTICLE QUESTIONS

Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is Hanukkah?

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- 2. How many days is this celebratid
- 3. What does this holiday remind J
- 4. Explain the conflict that led to t
- Many holidays involve celebrating and being thankful for light. Why do you

THINKING QUESTION

Expectations | Expectations |

think light is an important thing to celebrate?

Below

POST-READING

Assessment

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TEACHER FEEDBACK

"A great way to learn about Hanukkah. My school does not have a very diverse demographic so I love resources that allow my students to learn about other religions and cultures." — Cara M.

"Great reading activity to celebrate the diversity of holiday traditions." — Julie W.

LESSON FORMATS





✓ Individual & Whole Unit





✓ Google Slides

RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE