

# KWANZAA ARTICLE

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**2 Peas and a Dog**

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?



## SAMPLE ANSWERS

What is Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is an annual cultural celebration that celebrates and affirms African culture, family, and heritage. Its name

How many days does the celebration last?

On what dates is Kwanzaa celebrated every year?

Identify and explain any two of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. (2 marks)

## ANSWERS

1. What does the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" mean?
  - A. Self-determination
  - B. First fruits of the harvest
  - C. The seven principles
  - D. None of the above

2. According to the article, Kwanzaa is:
  - A. A religious holiday

# ANSWER KEYS

4. Which of the following sentences has correct spelling and punctuation?
  - A. The family will then discuss One of Kwanzaa's Seven principals.
  - B. The family will then discuss one of kwanzaa's seven principles.
  - C. The family will then discuss one of Kwanzaa's seven principles.
  - D. The Family will then discuss one of Kwanzaa's Seven principles.

## REGULAR ARTICLE

## MODIFIED ARTICLE

## KWANZAA



Symbols of Kwanzaa

During the seven days of celebration, a child or family member lights the Kinara's candles. The family will then discuss one of the seven principles.

Kwanzaa symbols are the unity cup, crops, corn, gifts, and the Kinara. These symbols remind the participants of their African heritage and traditions.

On the final day of Kwanzaa, on December 31, on Kwanzaa's 6th day, a feast called Karamu is celebrated. Participants may choose to celebrate by singing, dancing, and feasting. Some people choose to wear traditional African clothing.

On the final day of Kwanzaa, observers light the last candle in the Kinara. They discuss the 7th principle of Kwanzaa. The last day of Kwanzaa is a time for personal and community reflections.

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## KWANZAA



Symbols of Kwanzaa

### Word Bank

- emphasis - importance, focus
- descent - ancestry, ancestors from whom a person was born
- empowers - giving something power

# REGULAR & MODIFIED ARTICLES



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## LESSON PLAN



### Kwanzaa

#### 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-L Chart

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#### Video

- Video #1: [What is Kwanzaa and How Is It Celebrated?](#)

## ARTICLE QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### Comprehension Questions:

1. What is Kwanzaa?
2. How many days does this celebration last?
3. On what dates is Kwanzaa celebrated?
4. Identify and explain any two of the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa.
5. What is the meaning of the Kwanzaa symbol?
6. What is the meaning of the Kwanzaa colors?
7. What happens on the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) day of Kwanzaa?

## THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓ <sup>-</sup>	✓	✓ <sup>+</sup>

Which of the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa are you most interested in learning about? Explain.

**POST-READING  
ACTIVITIES**

# LESSON FORMATS



**PDF**

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



**DIGITAL**

✓ Google Slides

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