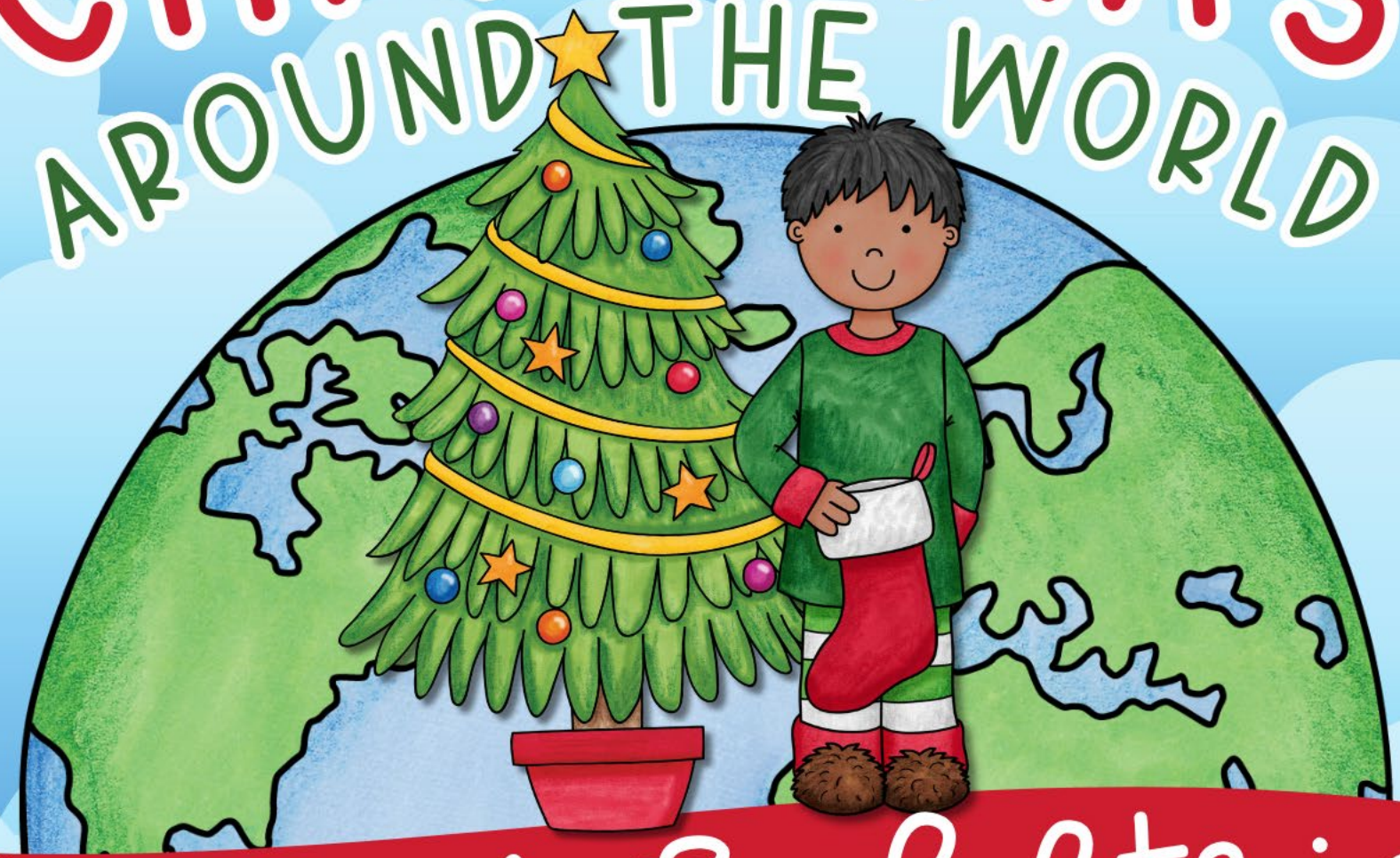


CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



VIRTUAL Fieldtrip

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Travel to six different countries to learn how people around the world celebrate Christmas. Collect stickers in your suitcase as you go!



INTEGRATIVE READING

Watch read alouds,
read passages, and
complete interactive
questions and activities
to show what you learn
along the way.

LET'S EXPLORE! *Iceland*

Read the passage about the Christmas traditions in Iceland.

In Iceland, Christmas is a time full of joy and wonder. It starts on December 23rd and lasts until January 6th. That's a whole two weeks of Christmas!

Yule Lads: Imagine having not one, but thirteen Santas! In Iceland, they have the Yule Lads. These are mischievous but friendly characters who visit children for the thirteen nights leading up to Christmas. Each night, children put their shoes by the window, and a Yule Lad leaves small gifts or treats for those who have been good. But watch out! If you've been naughty, you might find a potato in your shoe instead!

Christmas Eve: This is a very special night in Iceland. Families gather together for a big meal and at 6 pm, Christmas officially starts. Icelandic people enjoy delicious foods during Christmas. One of the traditional dishes is 'Hangikjöt', which is a type of smoked lamb. They also have 'laufabraud', a kind of flatbread that is cut into beautiful patterns and fried. It's a time for joy, warmth, and lots of love. And guess what? After the meal, everyone opens their Christmas presents!

The Christmas Cat: There's a famous story about the Christmas Cat in Iceland. It's a huge, mystical cat that roams around during Christmas. The legend says that the Christmas Cat will take a closer look at children who don't receive new clothes before Christmas Eve. So, getting new clothes for Christmas is a big deal in Iceland!

Christmas in Iceland is a blend of magical characters, delightful traditions, and lots of family time. It's a celebration filled with joy, kindness, and the spirit of giving.





CROSS CURRICULAR

Videos incorporate social studies and reading skills. Includes standards-based interactive activities.

LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES

Highlights traditions
and celebration of
Christmas around the
world.



LET'S EXPLORE! China

Watch a Chinese Dragon Dance performed by two dancers. This dance is done in China during all major holidays. The dragon brings power, strength, and good luck.

China is one country that does not go overboard on Christmas decorations. There are only about one percent of citizens that are Christians. Therefore, most Christmas traditions only take place in major cities. These large cities decorate like the majority of the world with Christmas trees and lights. Santa Claus is known as 'Shen Dan Lao Ren'.

Inside their homes, only a few people have a real Christmas tree. If people do have a tree it is normally a plastic one and might be decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Explore new places,
learn about diverse
cultures, all while
meeting social studies
standards!

CRITICAL THINKING

Encourages higher-level thinking and meaningful comprehension skills.



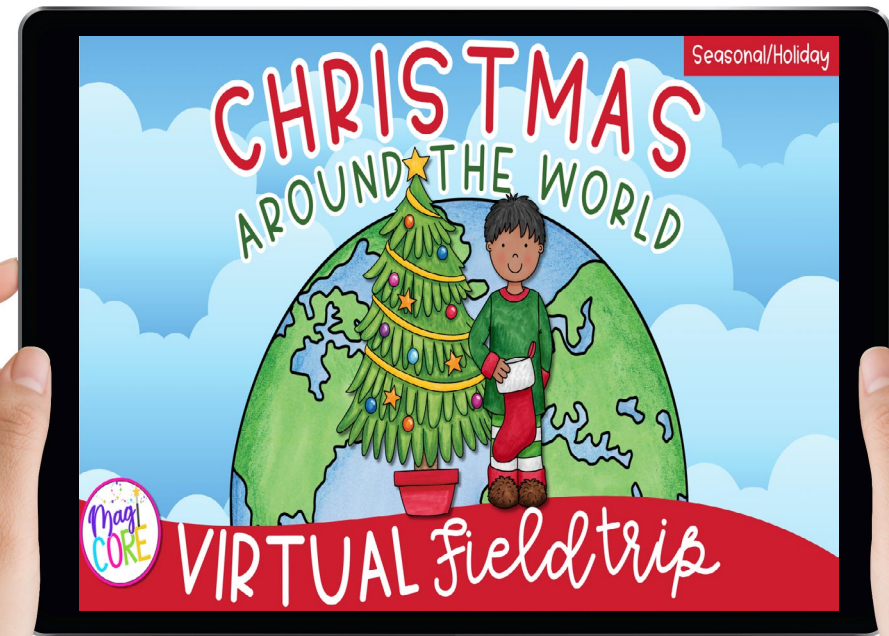
A tablet screen displays a worksheet titled "COMPARE & CONTRAST" in a green banner. The worksheet includes a snowman illustration, a table with three columns, and a small photo of a beach with a Christmas tree. The table has a red header row with the following text: "Australia", "How are they the same?", and a blank box. Below the header are three empty rows for writing. The worksheet is decorated with Christmas ornaments and a "Back to Suitcase" sticker. The tablet is surrounded by festive decorations like holly leaves and berries.



Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

Google Slides and SeeSaw



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