

NEW YEAR'S DAY



VIRTUAL *Field trip*

happy new year

HELP THE BALL DROP!

The ball drop is a symbolic tradition of the New Year's holiday. This famous event takes place at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Day in New York City, New York each year. Help the citizens count down to the event by clicking on each clock below in order. You will learn more about the holiday.

Cut the times (Ctrl + X) and paste them on the ball drop (Ctrl + V) to count down to midnight.



The game interface is set against a black background. At the top center is a girl with dark skin, wearing a pink dress and a blue party hat. To her right is a large silver ball drop mechanism with four purple rectangular buttons stacked vertically, each with a yellow arrow pointing down. Below the girl and the ball drop are four yellow alarm clocks with red faces, numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 from left to right. The background of the interface is decorated with colorful fireworks and stars.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR

Spend your night tracking the time as you learn about the meaning of New Years, traditions, and resolutions. Collect time stamps that lead to the ball drop!



Happy New Year



WHAT IS NEW YEAR'S DAY?

New Year's Day is a holiday that takes place on the first day of the new calendar year (January 1st). It is a holiday that celebrates two main things. First, people reflect on the good things that have happened over the past year. Second, people celebrate their hopes for the future year. New Year's Day is a holiday that is celebrated in several countries throughout the world. In the United States of America, it is a national holiday.

Is New Year's Day celebrated where you live? Explain what you already know about how this holiday is celebrated. If you do not know anything about New Year's Day celebrations, make a prediction!

**HAPPY
New
Year**

INTEGRATES READING

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

CROSS CURRICULAR

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

The image shows a tablet displaying an interactive educational activity. At the top, the title "AULD LANG SYNE" is written in white on a green banner. Below the title, the instruction "Watch the video below and answer the questions." is displayed. A video player shows a family of four (a woman, a man, and two children) gathered around a piano in a living room decorated for Christmas. A play button is overlaid on the video. To the right of the video player are four green question boxes with white text and empty white input fields for answers. The questions are: "What does 'Auld Lang Syne' mean?", "Where did this poem come from?", "Who first played the song in New York in 1929?", and "Besides the New Year, where else can the song be heard?". Below the video player is a green button with the text "Click HERE to hear the song!" and a mouse cursor pointing to it. The entire activity is framed by colorful, stylized fireworks or starburst patterns in yellow, orange, and blue.

"AULD LANG SYNE"

Watch the video below and answer the questions.

What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean?

Where did this poem come from?

Who first played the song in New York in 1929?

Besides the New Year, where else can the song be heard?

Click **HERE** to hear the song!



LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CULTURES

Highlights traditions
and celebration of New
Year around the world.



A tablet displaying a video player and a worksheet. The video player shows a night view of Times Square with the text "NEW YEARS EVE IN NEW YORK CITY" and a play button icon. Below the video is a "To the Ball Drop" logo and a "10:00 pm" timer. To the right of the video player are three text boxes for notes. The background of the tablet screen is decorated with colorful fireworks. The tablet is surrounded by festive decorations like gold and silver stars and confetti.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN NEW YORK CITY

Watch the video to learn about the unique New Year's Eve celebrations that take place in New York City.



10:00 pm

Describe the main event of New York's New Year's Eve celebration?

How does the city make sure everyone can participate in the celebration, not just people who are standing in Times Square?

Would you enjoy celebrating New Year's Eve in Times Square? Why or why not?

SOCIAL STUDIES

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

WHAT IS A RESOLUTION?

Many people aim to set at least one New Year's resolution at the start of the new year. A resolution is a **personal goal that is set to improve your life**. Usually, people look at their behaviors and actions over the previous year to decide what changes they want to make moving forward.

Watch the video below about goal setting.



Have you ever made a resolution or set a goal for yourself? How did it go? Did you stick with your resolution/goal?

Think about a goal or resolution you would like to make. Explain what it is and why you are interested in creating that goal.



COMPARE & CONTRAST

Complete the organizer to compare and contrast one of the celebrations from the video you watched and the New Year's holiday you have learned about in this virtual field trip.

New Year's Day: January 1

other Celebration:

12:00 am

To the Ball Drop!

CRITICAL THINKING

Fosters critical thinking without students even noticing!

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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