

## Christmas Around the World – A short research project and presentation.

**Goal:** to gather information, report on, and present to classmates how Christmas (or another Winter Holiday) is traditionally celebrated in a particular country.

### **Criteria:**

Your report must be:

- At least two typed pages (using the golden rules formula) *excluding* the bibliography.
- You must have *at least three sources* that you have used to gather information for your report. You may **not** use Wikipedia as your primary source.
- Search for your information using Google. When you find a source that you want to use, bookmark it.
- Key-word all sources and rewrite them in your own words in MS WORD (using openers to help put your stamp on it). You must not plagiarise.
- Your sources must be listed in a bibliography following the MLA or APA format. This must be on a separate page stapled to the back of your report. You may use the following sites:
  - <http://www.easybib.com/>
  - <http://www.bibme.org/mla/website-citation>
- Your report/presentation speech should be thoroughly proof read by both Word Talk and you.
- Save to H drive and a USB drive if you have one.
- You may work in pairs.

**Details** - What your report should contain:

- Dates and Times of Christmas Events: Traditionally, on what days do Christmas events take place? (e.g: When are the main Christmas celebrations? When are Christmas gifts exchanged); if a tree is put up, when is this done? When is the main meal eaten? Do they have a Christmas countdown like an advent calendar etc? When can decorations go up? When should they come down?). Is the weather warm or cold? What activities do families partake in over Christmas? What shows might they see?
- Symbols, Legends and Customs: What traditional customs does your country practise at Christmas? How do they decorate their houses and trees (what type of tree or flower do they use)? What symbols, animals and objects do they use to symbolize Christmas? What crafts or decorations do they make? Do they exchange gifts? What do they call Santa? Where does he/she come from? What does he/she look like? How does he/she arrive? Are there other characters or traditional folk included in their legends, customs or stories? What legends or stories do they have or tell about Christmas? How do they say Happy/Merry Christmas in their language?
- Food, Clothing and Music: Traditionally what is eaten at Christmas? What do they call their dishes in their own language? What do they eat at the main meal? What are considered Christmas snacks or delicacies? Desserts? What traditional music is listened to or sung at Christmas? Is there some piece of clothing that is worn during this time?
- Pictures/Posters: You **may** use the class laptop or create a poster to display some pictures.
- Conclusion: Finish your report by telling what parts of your country's Christmas/Winter celebrations you enjoyed learning about and which custom/tradition/legend you think you would like to incorporate into your family's Christmas traditions, and, without being too ethnocentric, one that you would not.