

Dates and History

Circle one letter for each question. Ten questions, one point each. The answer key for this round names the source for every answer, so an argument ends fast.

ROUND 1

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- 1 The earliest document putting the celebration on December 25 was written in Rome in:
- ☐ A. AD 336 ☐ B. AD 33
- ☐ C. AD 1054 ☐ D. AD 1223
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- 2 The English word Christmas is a shortened form of what?
- ☐ A. Christ's Mass ☐ B. Christ's Morning
- ☐ C. Christian Feast ☐ D. Crist Maesse Day
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- 3 Churches on the older Julian calendar keep Christmas on which Gregorian date?
- ☐ A. December 24 ☐ B. December 25
- ☐ C. January 6 ☐ D. January 7
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- 4 In what year did Christmas become a federal holiday in the United States?
- ☐ A. 1776 ☐ B. 1870
- ☐ C. 1836 ☐ D. 1901
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- 5 England's Puritan rulers banned Christmas in which year?
- ☐ A. 1647 ☐ B. 1601
- ☐ C. 1688 ☐ D. 1720
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- 6 Christmas was outlawed in Boston starting in which year?
- ☐ A. 1620 ☐ B. 1700
- ☐ C. 1659 ☐ D. 1776
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- 7 What was the fine in Boston for keeping Christmas?
- ☐ A. 1 shilling ☐ B. 5 shillings
- ☐ C. 1 pound ☐ D. 10 pounds
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- 8 How many days does Christmastide run?
- ☐ A. Three ☐ B. Seven
- ☐ C. Forty ☐ D. Twelve
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- 9 Epiphany, the visit of the Magi, falls on what date?
- ☐ A. December 26 ☐ B. January 6
- ☐ C. January 1 ☐ D. February 2
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- 10 Christmas preparation begins on which Sunday?
- ☐ A. The last Sunday of November ☐ B. The Sunday before December 25
- ☐ C. The first Sunday of Advent ☐ D. Whichever Sunday is closest to the solstice
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My score: _____ out of 10