**Directions: You are required to do ONE section as a grade. Any additional section you complete will count as extra credit.**

**Section #1: Christmas Traditions & Customs**

[**http://www.whychristmas.com/**](http://www.whychristmas.com/)

1. Christmas or Xmas?: Some think “Xmas” is disrespectful. Why do some argue it is not?
2. Christmas Candy Canes: Summarize where the idea of the candy cane came from.
3. The History of the Christmas Tree: When and where is the first documented use of a Christmas tree?
4. Christmas Around the World: Focus on China
	1. What percent of people are Christians in China?
	2. Where is China is Christmas celebrated the most?
	3. Why have apples become tradition to on Christmas Eve in China?
5. Christmas Around the World: Focus on Mexico
	1. When is Christmas celebrated in Mexico?
	2. What is the Posada celebration in Mexico?
	3. What is a 'Rosca de Reyes'? What do kids find inside of it?
	4. 'Feliz Navidad' means what in Spanish?

**Section #2: Hanukkah - The Jewish Festival of Lights**

[**http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/hanukkah.shtml**](http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/hanukkah.shtml)

1. What does Hanukkah remember? When did this occur?
2. Hanukkah is the Jewish/Hebrew word for what?
3. How many nights is the celebration of Hanukkah?
4. The menorah plays what role in Hanukkah?
5. What is the sammach?
6. During Hanukkah, games are often played. What is the most popular game?
7. What are traditional foods eaten during Hanukkah, according to the reading? Give the two examples.
8. What are two of the theories behind celebrating Hanukkah for 8 nights according to the reading?

**Section #3: Kwanzaa**

[**http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/kwanzaa.shtml**](http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/kwanzaa.shtml)

1. How many days are celebrated in Kwanzaa?
2. When does Kwanzaa take place each year?
3. Kwanzaa is means what in the Swahili language?
4. Kwanzaa mostly takes place where in the world?
5. Summarize what each of the seven days and seven candles represent in Kwanzaa.
6. Who Created Kwanzaa? When was it created? What was the purpose of Kwanzaa?