

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA QUIZ QUESTIONS II



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1> When did the tradition of a Christmas tree arise in the US?

- a. 1700s
- b. 1600s
- c. 1800s
- d. 1900s

2> Approximately how many Santa suits are rented out every year during the holidays?

- a. 100,000
- b. 1 million
- c. 20,000
- d. 400,000

3> When was Christmas dubbed an official holiday in the US?

- a. June of 1870
- b. March of 1901
- c. December of 1800
- d. September of 1850

4> Mistletoe is known as the "kissing plant," but what else was it used for?

- a. It was eaten as a snack
- b. Starting fires
- c. It was used as animal feed
- d. Curing Infertility

5> Saint Nick was a real person, but where was he really from?

- a. England
- b. Canada
- c. Turkey
- d. The North Pole

6> Where does the Poinsettia originate from?

- a. Mexico
- b. Greece
- c. France
- d. Portugal

7> Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25th?

- a. Because of the birth of Jesus
- b. No one knows for certain
- c. Because of the Roman Winter Solstice
- d. Christmas trees look better with snow

8> Santa is known as a holly, jolly soul, but who is his "evil twin?"

- a. The Grinch
- b. Augentarr
- c. Krampus
- d. Saint Rick

9> How many Christmas tree farms are in the US?

- a. 500,000
- b. About 5,000
- c. Nearly 15,000

d. Over 32,000

10> Which of these is not one of Santa's reindeer?

- a. Olive
- b. Prancer
- c. Dancer
- d. Vixen

Answers:

1> 1800s - Christmas trees have been sold in the US dating back to the mid 1800s! Christmas trees are usually grown for about 15 years to reach the desired height for inside houses!

2> 20,000 - Did you know that training is required for most shopping mall Santas? They are taught how to deal with the public, and it is also suggested that they be careful what they eat suiting up!

3> June of 1870 - Christmas was dubbed an official holiday for the entire US in June of 1870. Alabama was the first to recognize it; they had been celebrating Christmas since 1836.

4> Curing Infertility - The Druids considered mistletoe sacred (because it remained green year round) and used it to cure infertility. They would not allow the sacred plant to touch the ground because they thought it would interfere with its curing abilities.

5> Turkey - Saint Nick was from Turkey. He is the most popular non-Biblical Saint! He is the patron saint of pirating, orphans and royalty.

6> Mexico - Did you know that Poinsettias are actually not poisonous, as many people believe? Holly berries are, however, very toxic.

7> Because of the Roman Winter Solstice - Although commonly believed to be on the birth of Jesus, December 25 was actually chosen because of the Roman Winter Solstice. Many historians believe that Jesus' birthday may have been during the summer!

8> Krampus - Krampus is known as Santa's evil twin. While jolly Saint Nick is responsible for rewarding the nice children, Krampus (a terrifying demon-type figure) is responsible for punishing the naughty children.

9> Nearly 15,000 - There are nearly 15,000 Christmas tree farms just in the US. Christmas tree farms employ around 100,000 people!

10> Olive - Santa's reindeers are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. Sometimes Rudolph is included as well!

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