

Christmas Around the World

Subject: Language Arts

Grade: 2nd - Language Arts: RL.2.9: Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.

Tools: WhyChristmas.com & [Christmas Around the World: Britain, Russia, USA, Canada, Sweden, China, and Japan](#) Youtube Video

Synopsis: The teacher will start off the lesson by asking the students about their own christmas traditions. Let the students practice their writing skills by doing this on paper. Once the students are finished, have some of them share their family traditions. As the students are sharing, be sure to point out any traditions that are not American. Write them down to check later. After everyone shares, use the countries of the foreign traditions to research on WhyChristmas.com. An example could be if a Hispanic Student says that their family says “Merry Christmas” by stating, “Feliz Navidad.” After addresses the nationalities of the class, have the students split up into groups and research a specific country. Have them come up with 3 interesting facts to explain to the class. After finishing up with this, have the students watch [Christmas Around the World: Britain, Russia, USA, Canada, Sweden, China, and Japan](#). To finish up the lesson, have the students take a quiz on the different stories and traditions of Christmas they learned from research online and from the video watched in class.

