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Grade _____

8th Grade Christmas WebQuest

1. How many American states have towns named Santa Claus?
2. What is the name of the author of the popular children's story 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
3. What is the oldest Thanksgiving Day parade held in America?
4. Which chemical compound is traditionally used in Christmas "crackers" to make them bang?
5. What traditional ceremony, involving a turkey, takes place at the White House before Thanksgiving?
6. Which family went on vacation and accidentally left a small boy behind in the 1990 American movie Home Alone?
7. True or false: Christmas Island was discovered on Christmas Day in 1643?
8. What traditional New Year's Eve song begins with the lyrics, 'Should auld acquaintance be forgot'? Who wrote it?
9. Which American president proclaimed November 26, 1789 as a nationwide thanksgiving celebration?
10. At which New York location does the New Year's Eve Ball Drop take place?
11. Which famous Christmas movie featured Bing Crosby as Bob Wallace?
12. Which dairy based beverage is traditionally served during the holiday period leading up to Christmas in Canada and the United States?
13. Which two NFL teams *always* play on Thanksgiving?
14. Which famous nursery rhyme was published in 1830 and written by Sarah Josepha Hale, the influential writer who campaigned for Thanksgiving to be made an American holiday?
15. The Christmas song 'Jingle Bells' was originally published under which title?
16. True or false: President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution of Congress in 1941 which changed Thanksgiving from the last Thursday to the fourth Thursday of November?
17. When does the traditional Advent period begin? (Which Sunday?)
18. What type of pie is mentioned in the Brenda Lee's song 'Rockin Around the Christmas Tree'?
19. What month of the year is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?
20. Which author wrote the famous line 'always winter but never Christmas'?