

# December Holidays

## Around the World

### Christmas

People decorate.



Families decorate for Christmas by putting up a Christmas Tree in their homes.

Some families decorate with wreaths and lights on their houses, or candles.

Many people decorate with red, green, gold, and silver.

### Christmas

People give gifts.

Many families give each other gifts during Christmas time.

Many Santa Claus figures are used to put gifts in stockings.

### Hanukkah

People play together.

Families play together during Hanukkah.

Many families play Dreidel.

Some families play to try to win chocolate coins, or gelt.



### Hanukkah

People use light to celebrate.

An important part of Hanukkah is lighting the menorah.

The menorah has 9 candles. There are 8 branches and a middle candle, called a shamash.

The shamash is used to light one candle for each night of Hanukkah.



### All About Kwanzaa

I can write and draw to show how people celebrate.



# Research and Write





# December Holidays

## Around the World

### Christmas

People decorate.



Families decorate for Christmas by putting up a Christmas Tree in their homes.

Some families decorate with wreaths, lights on their houses, or candles.

Many people decorate with red, green, gold, and silver.



### Christmas

People give gifts.

Many families give each other gifts during Christmas time.

Many families celebrate the tradition of Santa Claus. Santa visits many homes who celebrate Christmas to bring gifts to put under their Christmas trees.



### Kwanzaa

People sing together.

People sing together during Kwanzaa.

Some people sing African folk songs.

Other people sing Kwanzaa songs that help them celebrate one of the principles.

### Kwanzaa

People eat together.

People eat harvest foods and fruits during Kwanzaa.

Some families eat cheese grits, black eyed peas, yams, or fish patties.

Some families leave food out at night to remember family members who have passed.



### Hanukkah

People play together.

Families play together during Hanukkah.

Many families play Dreidel.

Some families play to try to win gelt.



### Hanukkah

People use light to celebrate.

An important part of Hanukkah is lighting the menorah.

The menorah has 9 candles. There are 8 branches and a middle candle, called a shamash.

The shamash is used to light one candle for each night of Hanukkah.



7-8 Half Paged Cards

For:

Christmas  
Kwanzaa  
Las Posadas  
Hanukkah

### Las Posadas

People celebrate Las Posadas.

Las Posadas is nine days long.

Las Posadas begins on December 16 and ends on December 24.

Las Posadas in America also includes Las Posadas.



### Las Posadas

People celebrate together.

People dress up to reenact the nativity.

They visit different homes each night and pray.

At the end of each night, they gather together for a party.



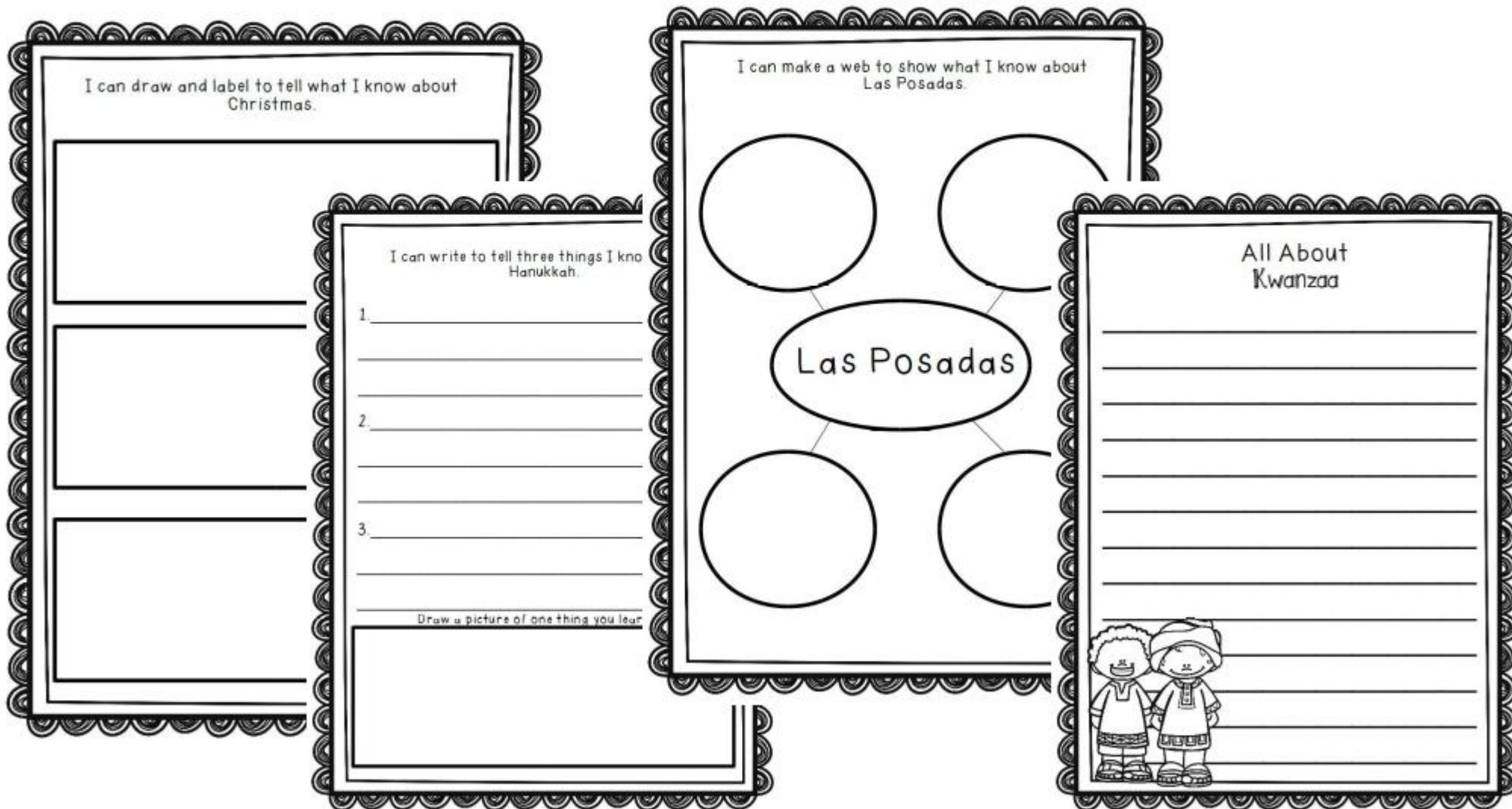
# Short and Basic Passages



# December Holidays

## Around the World

Each graphic organizer and writing paper is offered for each holiday.



Graphic Organizer & Writing



# December Holidays

## Around the World

These are holidays I know.

I can write to tell three things I know about

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of one thing you learned

December Holiday  
Celebrations!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)



I can write and draw to show how



Journal Cover & Generic Pages



# December Holidays Around the World

## Teaching Notes

These informational cards contain some basic information about the holidays.

I like to display them around the classroom/ at different tables to introduce the holidays in small chunks.

This approach has also helped my students choose different cards to write information on their graphic organizer (what is the main idea?)

I print a packet with the cover, list template, and I like to choose a different graphic organizer for each of the holidays to include in my packet (I have included one of each of the graphic organizers to give you more choice).

I also include the "Ways people celebrate" page for students to write and draw.

The general ideas I am looking for are really guided by the headings on the information cards! I usually include two copies of this page and ask students to write and draw (ie- "People celebrate by decorating" and draw a small picture of what that looks like).

This research packet is also great to use with any other informational books/ videos that you have in your classroom!



## Teaching Notes