

Christmas Through History Teacher Pack

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CHRISTMAS THROUGH HISTORY

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Ordering Events

Place these events in the correct chronological order.

(Write 1–6 in the boxes.)

- First Christmas celebration in Rome
- First nativity scene
- Christmas trees begin in Germany
- Electric Christmas lights invented
- First Christmas card
- “Silent Night” first performed

2. Match the Person to the Contribution

Draw a line to match.

St Nicholas
St Francis of Assisi
Charles Dickens
Queen Victoria & Prince Albert

Wrote A Christmas Carol
Helped inspire the idea of Santa Claus
Popularised Christmas trees
Created the first nativity scene

3. True or False?

Circle T or F.

Christmas trees were common in Britain in the 1500s.

T / F

The Christmas Truce happened during World War I.

T / F

Electric Christmas lights were used before candles.

T / F

The first Christmas card was printed in the 1840s.

T / F

4. Short Answer Questions

Why did people switch from candles to electric lights on Christmas trees?

What is one reason A Christmas Carol became an important Christmas book?

Which historical moment surprised you most, and why?

5. Creative Extension

Choose one:

- Draw a Christmas tree from two different time periods and label the differences.
- Write a short diary entry from someone living in the 1800s describing their Christmas.
- Create a mini timeline of five Christmas events using pictures or symbols.



KS1 / KS2 Differentiation Guide

KS1 (Ages 5–7)

Focus on:

- big-picture understanding (“Christmas has changed over time”)
- simple cause/effect (“candles were replaced because they were dangerous”)
- visuals: pictures, symbols, simple sequencing
- vocabulary limited to: Christmas tree, card, lights, Santa, long ago, today

Suggested activities:

- picture-based timeline
- sorting activities: Old Christmas / New Christmas
- listen to short sections of the teacher narrative
- draw or act out historical moments (e.g., the first Christmas card, tree decorations)
- Worksheet adaptations:
 - reduce matching section
 - remove the True/False with tricky wording
 - offer multiple-choice answers

KS2 (Ages 7–11)

Focus on:

- understanding the historical context of each event
- discussing how traditions spread and changed
- comparing examples from different centuries
- introducing vocabulary: tradition, invention, community, century, Christianity

Suggested activities:

- create an extended chronological timeline
- research one event in more depth (e.g., WWI Christmas Truce)
- write diary entries, letters, or explanations
- small-group discussion: “Which event changed Christmas the most?”

Worksheet extensions:

- explain historical significance
- add a mini research task
- write a paragraph comparing two eras



Glossary

Tradition – A special way of doing something that is passed down through families or communities.

Century – A block of 100 years (e.g., the 1800s = the 19th century).

Nativity – A model or performance showing the story of Jesus’s birth.

Bishop – A church leader. St Nicholas was a bishop known for kindness.

Carols – Festive songs often sung at Christmas.

Invention – A new creation or idea that someone makes for the first time.

Electric lights – Lights powered by electricity, used instead of candles.

Commercial – Something made to be sold, such as the first printed Christmas card.

Truce – An agreement to stop fighting for a time. The Christmas Truce happened in WWI.

Astronaut – A person trained to travel into space.



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