



# **Traditions of Great Britain**

# Purpose

- Creation of the visual aid for 5 - 9 classes for any educational and methodical complex.

# Problems

- Select the topics;
- Select software environment for the creation of the visual aid;
- Choose the appropriate material;
- Make tests based on selected material;
- Broaden horizons.

# Choice of topic

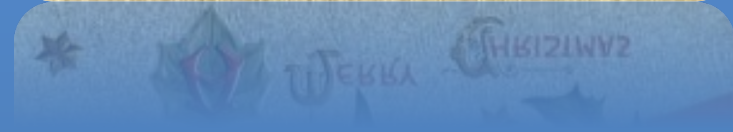
Christmas

St. Patrick's Day

Guy Fawkes' Day

# Christmas

Among all holidays of Great Britain Christmas - the most grandiose holiday on scope. He is marked out on December 25, however preparations begin at the end of November, right after Thanksgiving Day. In Russia this holiday is celebrated on January 7.







On the Sunday before Christmas many churches hold a service where special hymns are sung. Christmas Carols - an important part of Christmas. It can be traditional or with some variations, expressing different feelings. Christmas song first appeared in the fifteenth century.

Most families decorate their houses in the traditional way. Christmas trees are put in the buildings, streets and churches. They are always decorated with the magic lights, angels and small toys, also with small bags of nuts, candies and Christmas biscuits. In addition to the Christmas tree to decorate the house used holly and mistletoe. Branches of holly hung behind the pictures, and mistletoe - on the doors.





# Holly



Holly has long been appreciated by man. In beliefs of the druids holly symbolized the sun, therefore ancient Celts decorated their houses with holly shoots in the gloomy winter months. Until now, in the Christian countries is a traditional Christmas holly plant and is widely used during the holiday season to decorate rooms and the holiday table as a material for making Christmas wreaths, and even sometimes instead of "the main Christmas tree" - a Christmas tree.





# Mistletoe

In the ancient culture of mysterious druids the mistletoe was a symbol of eternal life, which can work wonders. Druids claimed that mistletoe - a miracle cure for different illnesses and reliable protection for people from the witches.



## *Interesting fact:*

*Probably because the mistletoe can reconcile the conflicting people, pull together constraining, do by more relaxed modest, the Christmas ceremony of "a kiss under a mistletoe" lives and prospers still. The girl who incidentally appeared under the hanging mistletoe branch was allowed to be kissed by anyone. From there is a name "branch of kisses".*



The most important and pleasant tradition of Christmas - giving gifts. People packed their gifts and leave them under the Christmas tree to find them in the morning. Children leave long stockings near the bed hoping that Santa Claus will come at night and bring them small gifts, fruit and nuts. Children also write letters to Santa and tell what gifts they want to receive.

# Interesting facts

- ✓ British children write their wishes on pieces of paper, but instead of sending by mail, throw in a burning fireplace, hoping the smoke will lift them through the pipe and will carry to the North Pole. If the letter does not have time to get up and light up, the child will have to write another.







- ✓ The house, decorated for Christmas, often the pride of the owner. Neighbors compete with each other - who will get better, and richer. Sometimes it comes to the fact that the walls and the roof of the house, the trees and shrubs in the garden are covered with garlands made of hundreds of colored lights. Compete not only homeowners, but also owners of shops, restaurants and pubs.



- ✓ Once the English had a traditional dish for Christmas - the pig's head with mustard sauce. Nowadays this tradition has not caught on.



# Test



**1. When Christmas in Great Britain is celebrated?**

- a) [December 25](#)
- b) [October 31](#)
- c) [January 7](#)

**2. How special Christmas songs are called?**

- a) [Hymns](#)
- b) [Carols](#)
- c) [Romances](#)



**3. What tradition is connected with mistletoe?**

- a) Hugs with relatives
- b) Taking photo with a friend
- c) A kiss under a mistletoe

**4. Where children put letters to Santa Claus?**

- a) In a burning fireplace
- b) Under the pillow
- c) Into the mailbox





RIGHT!



RIGHT!



**WRONG!**



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# St. Patrick's Day

The St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland. Ireland - one of the countries of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. It is considered what exactly Patrick established Christian religion in Great Britain.

The St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th.





The national  
symbol of Ireland



St. Patrick expels  
snakes



Holiday very cheerful. In many countries people dress clothes of green color, paint a face with the image of a clover and arrange parades, festivals. It is also accepted to dance, play much national Irish instruments and to sing. People congratulate the friends and native, give them cards.

# Leprechaun

One of national Irish folklore characters - Leprechaun. It is considered that if to catch a Leprechaun, he will execute three of your desires or will pay off with gold. They very cunning, greedy also don't differ in good nature.

Leprechaun can be enticed on music. They can't be offended.





# Interesting facts



- ✓ Irish people deeply revere his Holy and gladly arrange a variety of activities in his honor. The culmination of the celebrations is the parade costume show in honor of the patron Saint of Ireland, held in Dublin city centre. Events in honor of St. Patrick's day are held in other countries. Of special significance this date has for the United States, where 36 million people - one-sixth of the population - consider themselves descendants of the Irish. Traditional parade on the occasion of the main Irish celebration is held every year in new York.



✓ The traditional drink on St. Patrick's Day - ale and whiskey. Last drink with a Shamrock in the glass, after which the plant needs to be thrown over the left shoulder for good luck. You can eat almost anything: potatoes, fish (there is a belief that all upcoming Patrick turned in seafood) and meat.



# Test



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!*

**1. When St. Patrick's Day is celebrated?**

- a) [March 8th](#)
- b) [May 1st](#)
- c) [March 17th](#)

**2. What is the national symbol of Ireland?**

- a) [Shamrock](#)
- b) [Rose](#)
- c) [Snake](#)



### 3. Who is the Irish folklore character?

- a) Elf
- b) Leprechaun
- c) Snow white

### 4. What to do after drinking the traditional drink of St. Patrick's Day?

- a) Throw Shamrock over the left shoulder
- b) Pray
- c) Sing a song



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# Guy Fawkes' Day

Guy Fawkes' Day and Bonfire Night — is one of the most noisy holidays in Great Britain. It is marked out every year on November 5.

On that day, in 1605, Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill King James I. He didn't succeed. The King's men found the bomb, took Guy Fawkes to the Tower and cut off his head.



Guy Fawkes



The celebration begins with the fact that dressed in a guards people search dungeons in order to find and catch the conspirators in black robes.





Participants of the event driven cart with the effigy of Guy Fawkes to burn.



The culmination of the festival is the burning of effigy on fire.

Then fireworks and picnics are arranged.

On the eve of this night children begging for coins "for the great Man Guy" to buy firecrackers.



As well as burning effigy of Guy Fawkes, the bonfires are used to cook potatoes wrapped in foil and to heat up soup for the crowds that come to watch the fireworks

The traditional cake eaten on Bonfire Night is Parkin Cake, a sticky cake containing a mix of oatmeal, ginger, treacle and syrup.

Other foods include sausages cooked over the flames and marshmallows toasted in the fire.



# Interesting facts

- ✓ The stylized Guy Fawkes mask created by artist David Lloyd is one of the favorite symbols of the anti-globalization movement and opponents of capitalism, famous for its thriller-dystopia "V for Vendetta", a film based on the comic by Alan Moore, where the mysterious hero, who took the role model Guy Fawkes, wants to put an end to the totalitarian regime.



✓ The most interesting and quite unexpected that now the word guy used to mean "boy" has been derived from this holiday. The effigy of Guy Fawkes was just called a Guy. And with time this name became a household word. And now the phrase "Hey guys" is using as greeting.





# Test

Happy Bonfire Night!



# 1. Who is the Guy Fawkes?

- a) The fantastic character
- b) The man who wanted to blow up Parliament
- c) Well-known artist

# 2. In which film, you can see the mask of the Guy Fawkes?

- a) “The Mask”
- b) “Mission: Impossible”
- c) “V for Vendetta”



### 3. What people burn during the celebration?

- a) [The effigy of Guy Fawkes](#)
- b) [The Guy Fawkes' Mask](#)
- c) [Portrait of the Guy Fawkes](#)

### 4. What traditional cake is eaten on Bonfire Night?

- a) [Cupcake](#)
- b) [Pumpkin pie](#)
- c) [Parkin Cake](#)



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**Thank you for  
your attention!**

