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Different Religious Holidays in December

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I know that there are many different types of religious holidays besides Christmas in December. Also, I know that around this time there are a lot of Christmas activities, decorations, and many other things but, throughout this article, I will be informing people about the other religious holidays. The second most popular holiday is Hanukkah. Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. Hanukkah is eight days long and the Jewish families light a candle everyday throughout those eight days. The children get one present everyday, I know that sounds awesome. If that was me I couldn't wait that long. Another one that might not be as popular is Ramadan. Ramadan is a Muslim holiday. It is 28 to 30 days long! But it all comes back to the five pillars of Islam. When this holiday is going on during the 30 days the Muslims don't eat during the daylight hours but, at night

they are allowed to eat. At the end of the 30 days everyone celebrates a festival called Eid. You go there on the last day of Ramadan and basically eat all the food that you don't get to eat during the holiday season. Hope that this made you more observant about other holidays. Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah.



What Is Christmas All About?

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You might just think of Christmas as a holiday where you get presents and listen to Christmas music. But it isn't all just about that. The first ever Christmas was on December 25th, 336. But it was first called Christ's mass. For the first 300 years there was no

Christmas. Back then Christmas used to be 40 days long! Imagine that! It just sounds cool. Later it got shortened to the 12 days of Christmas. Which is where the song comes from, The 12 Days of Christmas. But for Jewish people that didn't have Christmas they had the festival of lights. William J. Tighe was one of the first Christians to make the newly found holiday called Christmas popular. But he thought that it would be reasonable to have it for 9 months!! But shortly after that they came up with the amazing and highly respected Christmas music and carols. But honestly no one is sure where the Christmas Tree came into the picture. This was a



short article but I thought that kids might want a background. Hope that everyone gets what they want from Santa! Happy Christmas to all and to all a good-night.

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Congratulations Mrs. Grove

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Our 6th grade science teacher most recently known as

Ms. Everaert has just gotten married to Mr. Michael Grove. She got back from her beautiful marriage in Jamaica at the end of November. Mr. and Mrs. Grove actually met while they were enrolled at Kingsley Elementary and went to DGS together. Mr. Grove proposed to Mrs. Grove after doing a fundraiser with her called Magnificent Mutts he proposed to her on the Kingsley playground.

Elf On the Shelf By Delaney Turner 6th Grade

Do you have an elf on the shelf? Well I have one! These little elves watch you throughout the day and report back to Santa. The elves watch over you to keep



you out of trouble, but they are the ones that are making all of the trouble!!! But all in all the elves are a fun treat that you get and a great adventure to go on so that you will find them.

Coat Drive By Delaney Turner 6th Grade



Attention all students! I am organizing a school coat drive that will go to the less fortunate people to keep them warm for the cold winters. There will be a box in the lobby that you can drop off your coats. The coats can be any shape and style, but we ask you to please wash the coat before you drop it off.

We hope that this act of kindness will help many people during these very cold times. This is a great way to give back without spending a single dime. I really hope that we will get a good

amount of coats so that those who are less fortunate can finally get a present.

Transformers Devastation Transformers Devastation Review By Munir Aldaqaq 8th Grade

Hello guys. Now in the past 3 or 4 years Platinum Games has been giving its signature awesome action to other properties outside of games. Now I will be completely honest I have only played 2 Platinum Games. The Wonderful 101 and the game where looking at today Transformers Devastation. Now I heard that the Legend of Korra and Ninja Turtles



Games developed by Platinum where bad but I will still look at them eventually or never since I do like the franchises especially Korra. The Plot isn't really important but i will say it is like a special 80s Transformers Episode with most of the original cast returning to their roles. The graphics are amazing and the

version I played on was the PS4 version and it was at a Locked 1080p60fps. The game play is simple but awesome you chose from 5 Transformers from Generation 1 Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Wheeljack, Sideswipe, and Grimlock equip them with weapons and go through amazing stages have fights and action that look better than the Michael Bay movies. But there are a couple of Flaws I must address 1: The Game is too short which I don't mind as I kind of like short games and 2: The environments get stale for a while. Yes the weather changes but it is still a problem. Now maybe because I have a history with the Transformers mostly with Transformers Animated and the Toys but I can say I really like this game. I think I like it more than other people. I give this game an A.

Overwatch Review By Munir Aldaqaq 8th Grade

Hey guys. A lot of good games have come out this year. Doom, Pokémon, and more. But one of the more popular games this year has to be Overwatch. I was skeptical at first; seeing that the game was Multiplayer for only \$40.00 or

\$60.00. Unless you had the PC version you had to pay Xbox Gold or PS plus to play. I have neither and I don't think my PC can handle Overwatch. But luckily a free weekend came along and I played a good amount to be able to give my thoughts on the game. This game is Blizzard's newest IP since The Last of Us. The game was originally going to be released with a small character roster but then they decided to spend two more years developing characters. There is a story but it really isn't important and game play is the main focus. Now Overwatch is a first person shooter with a focus on teamwork and different characters. Now you don't decide which weapons and powers the characters get; they each have their own auto set powers and weap-



ons. For example Tracer wields two guns and can use time to boost forward and dodge attacks. The game play is really good and fun. Yes, we've all played first person shooters like this but Overwatch characters, play styles, design, and personality is

what gives the game the overall difference. Now, two big problems with the game. First, there is no Single Player. I feel if you're going to charge \$40 or \$60 on a Multiplayer shooter at least have some form of Single Player. Overwatch is solely multiplayer. I get a game like Team Fortress 2 which is Free so it's okay to just have the multiplayer option. As previously mentioned this game is \$40.00 or \$60.00 dollars not to mention the subscription you have to pay on the consoles. I don't know about you but I feel like it's way overpriced especially when you consider its lack of content. Overall while Overwatch is fun the lack of single player modes, and the price tag is the reason why I would give it a B+.

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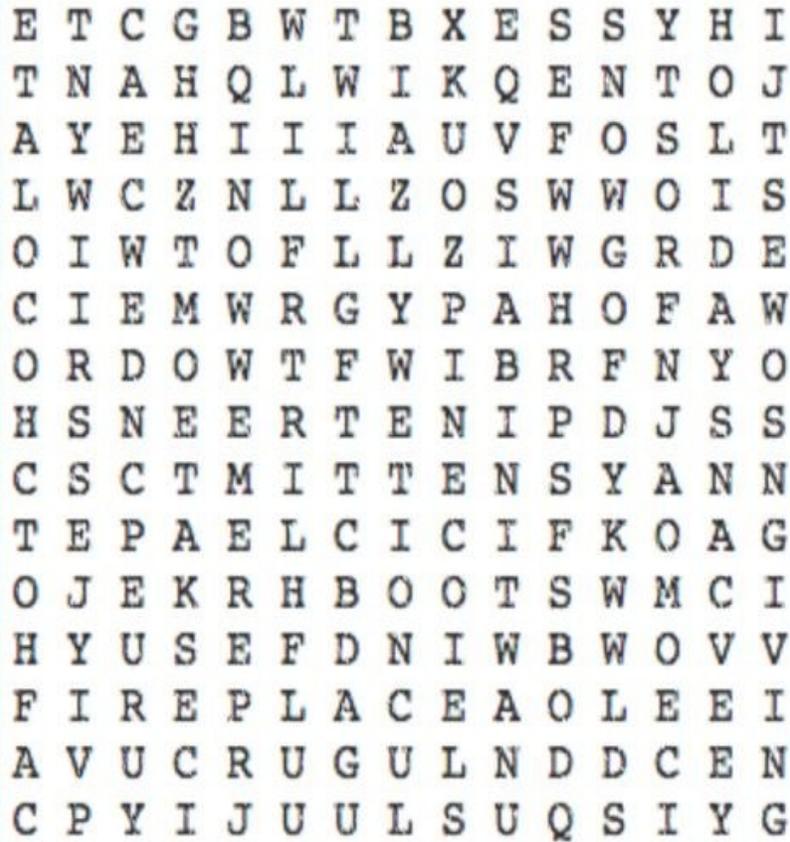
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