

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the biology behind the Christmas traditions in France.

Materials and Prep

- Internet access
- Pen and paper

Activities

1. Research Christmas traditions in France. Look for information on how plants and animals are involved in the celebrations.
2. Create a collage or drawing that represents the biology-related aspects of French Christmas traditions. Include plants, animals, or any other elements you found during your research.
3. Write a short paragraph explaining the significance of the biology-related aspects in French Christmas traditions. Include why certain plants or animals are important and how they are used.

Fourth Grade Talking Points

- "In France, Christmas is celebrated with various traditions that involve plants and animals."
- "One important tradition is the decoration of Christmas trees with ornaments and lights."
- "The Christmas tree is usually an evergreen tree, which symbolizes life and hope during the winter season."
- "Another significant plant used during Christmas in France is mistletoe. It is often hung in doorways, and when someone stands beneath it, they can be kissed."
- "Holly is also commonly used in French Christmas decorations. Its red berries represent the blood of Jesus and its thorny leaves symbolize the crown of thorns."
- "Animals like reindeer and horses are associated with Christmas in France. They are often depicted in decorations and on Christmas cards."
- "French people also enjoy feasting during Christmas, and traditional dishes may include poultry, fish, and desserts made with nuts and fruits."
- "Overall, the biology-related aspects of French Christmas traditions add symbolism and beauty to the celebrations."