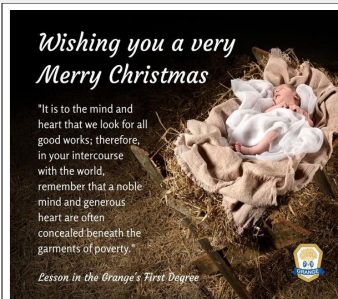


December Calendar Highlights & Quiz ~ by Kristin Paulson, MA State Lecturer

- 1] Which U.S. state was the first to declare Christmas Day an official holiday? a] Alabama b] New York c] Oklahoma d] Massachusetts
- 2] Where in the US was the the celebration of Christmas banned? a] Alabama b] New York c] Oklahoma d] Massachusetts
- 3] Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree? a] England b] Germany c] Sweden d] Turkey
- 4] Which country started the tradition of serving Christmas Eggnog? a] England b] Germany c] Sweden d] Turkey
- 5] Santa Clause is based on Saint Nicholas who was born in the country of ___? a] England b] Germany c] Sweden d] Turkey
- 6] What year was Saint Nicholas born? a] 280 b] 880 c] 1280 d] 1880
- 7] When is St. Nicholas Day? a] December 4 b] December 6 c] December 24 d] December 25
- 8] What is the best-selling Christmas single of all time? a] All I want for Christmas b] Blue Christmas c] O Christmas Tree d] White Christmas
- 9] What colour suit did Santa wear until Coca Cola rebranded him in red? a] Blue b] Green c] White d] Violet
- 10] Who narrated the '64 animated film "Rudolf the Red-nose Reindeer"? a] Burl Ives b] Boris Karloff c] Fred Astaire d] Jimmy Durante
- 11] Who narrated the '66 animated film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"? a] Burl Ives b] Boris Karloff c] Fred Astaire d] Jimmy Durante
- 12] Who narrated the '69 animated film "Frosty the Snowman"? a] Burl Ives b] Boris Karloff c] Fred Astaire d] Jimmy Durante
- 13] Who narrated the '70 animated film "Santa Clause is Coming to Town"? a] Burl Ives b] Boris Karloff c] Fred Astaire d] Jimmy Durante
- 14] Traditionally, we remove Christmas decorations on _____, the day before Epiphany. a] January 5 b] January 6 c] January 7 d] January 8



<https://www.nationalgrange.org/>

December is Universal Month for Human Rights. December's 2nd week is Christmas Bird Count. December was the 10th Roman Calendar month & is derived from a Latin word, decem, meaning 10. December Info: Flower: Holly & Narcissus; Birthstone: Turquoise; & Full Cold Moon: Dec. 7th.

December Bios: 1] **Clara Barton [B:12.25.1821 in Oxford, MA]** After teaching & serving as a US Patent Clerk, Clara volunteered as a nurse during the Revolutionary War. Supplying necessities for our soldiers, Clara formed the American Red Cross to help soldiers & all victims of natural disasters. She led the organization for 23 years. 2] **Emily Dickinson [MA B:12.10.1830 in Amherst, MA]** Emily was single, reclusive, & published very few Poems during her lifetime. Her family discovered 40 handbound volumes after her death & published her 1,800 poems making her a famous female American Poet. <https://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/>

Sources: www.thefamouspeople.com www.brainyquote.com <https://www.ranker.com/list/famous-people-from-massachusetts/reference>

Date	Name of Event	Description	Event Type
12/01/22	Rosa Parks Day	In 1955, Rosa refused to give her "Colored seat" to a white person & was fined \$10 in court!	National Day
12/02/22	Abolition of Slavery Day	Abolition of Slavery Day established by UN in 1949 Resolution 317(IV) www.un.org	International Day
12/04/22	Birth of National Grange	53rd Anniversary of Grange: https://www.nationalgrange.org/about-us/history/	Grange Event
12/05/22	World Soil Day	This encourages all to improve soil health & Stop Erosion. www.fao.org/world-soil-day/en/	International Day
12/06/22	St. Nicholas Day	3rd-century saint is an inspiration for modern-day Santa Claus; he gave money to the poor.	Religious Day
12/08/22	Bodhi Day	Enlightenment of Buddha under a Bodhi tree 2500 years ago.	Buddhist Holiday
12/10/22	Human Rights Day	In 1948, UN Declaration of Human Rights states: all humans are born free and equal.	International Day
12/11/22	UNICEF Birthday	U.N. International Children Emergency Fund began in 1946, to help kids worldwide	International Day
12/13/22	National Guard Birthday	Oldest military unit in the US, the Massachusetts Court established Militia on 12/13/1636	National Event
12/17/22	Wreaths Across America	Donate at MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam www.wreathscrossamerica.org	National Event
12/18/22	Hanukkah [12.18-12.26]	Festival of Lights: Last of 8 days of Menorah lighting, prayers, food. Temple re-dedication	Religious Event
12/21/22	Winter Solstice	1st Day of winter / Pagan & Wiccan Yule to celebrate rebirth of God & return of the light.	Religious Event
12/25/22	Christmas Day	Annual commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ & a international Holiday.	Christian Holiday
12/26/22	Boxing/St. Stephen Day	A charitable day to give food & Gift boxes to workers & the poor, "Good King Wenceslas."	International Day
12/26/22	Kwanzaa	Week-long celebration in USA & World, honoring African culture & the Harvest festival	Religious Event
12/31/22	New Years Eve	New Years Eve Times Square ball was 1st dropped in 1908 in New York City.	Annual Holiday
12/31/22	Ōmisoka	Japanese New Years Eve	Annual Holiday

Sources: <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/> Quiz Answers: 1]_c; 2]_d; 3]_b; 4]_a; 5]_d; 6]_a; 7]_b; 8]_d; 9]_b; 10]_a; 11]_b; 12]_c; 13]_d; 14]_a.