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# Holiday Sampler

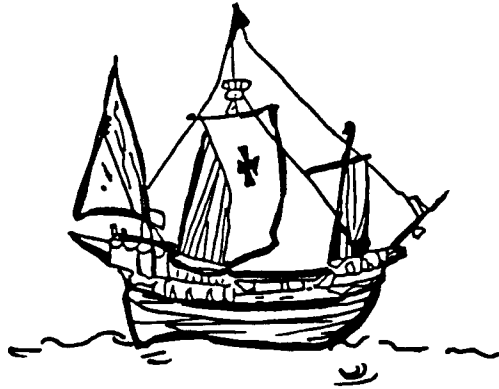


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# Christopher Columbus

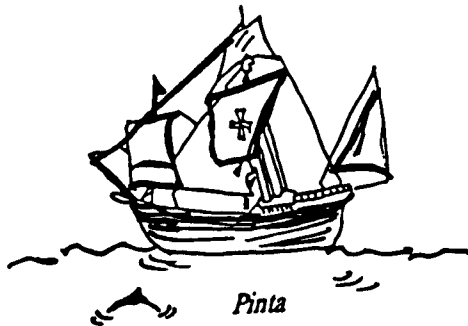


*Santa Maria*

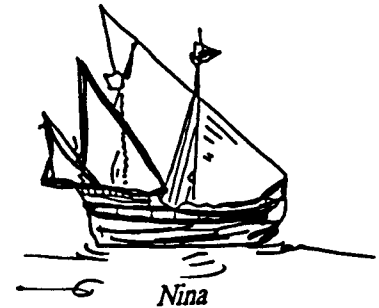


1492

Columbus crossed the ocean blue  
In fourteen-hundred and ninety-two. (1492)  
Three ships came sailing with him, too,  
To find the New World for me and you.



*Pinta*



*Nina*

Read each question and write your answer on the line.

**WHO** is the rhyme talking about? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT** did he do? \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW** did he cross the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN** did he do this? \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. Christopher Columbus;  
2. found the New World; 3. in 3 ships; 4. 1492

# Election Day

On Election Day, Americans choose (elect) the people they want to lead them in their towns, states, and country. Every four years, we also vote for our president and vice-president to be our national leaders.

Who is the president of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is our vice-president? \_\_\_\_\_

## ANOTHER KIND OF VOTING:

1. Vote for your favorite fruit:

- \_\_\_\_\_ apples
- \_\_\_\_\_ bananas
- \_\_\_\_\_ oranges
- \_\_\_\_\_ grapes

2. Vote for your favorite vegetable:

- \_\_\_\_\_ broccoli
- \_\_\_\_\_ carrots
- \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ celery

3. Vote for your favorite season:

- \_\_\_\_\_ autumn
- \_\_\_\_\_ winter
- \_\_\_\_\_ spring
- \_\_\_\_\_ summer

4. Vote for your favorite meal:

- \_\_\_\_\_ hamburgers
- \_\_\_\_\_ pizza
- \_\_\_\_\_ spaghetti
- \_\_\_\_\_ chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ steak
- \_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs

5. Vote for your favorite ice cream flavor:

- \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate
- \_\_\_\_\_ vanilla
- \_\_\_\_\_ strawberry
- \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate chip

6. Vote for your favorite school subject:

- \_\_\_\_\_ reading/English
- \_\_\_\_\_ math
- \_\_\_\_\_ science
- \_\_\_\_\_ social studies/history

## CLASS FAVORITES:

FRUIT: \_\_\_\_\_

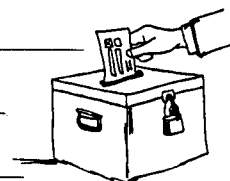
VEGETABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SEASON: \_\_\_\_\_

MEAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ICE CREAM: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_



# Halloween Pumpkin

A fact is true and can be proved to be true. An opinion is what someone believes to be true, but cannot be proved.

See how well you know your Halloween pumpkin facts and opinions. Circle **F** if the sentence is a fact. Circle **O** if it is an opinion. Then connect the dots of the numbers of each FACT only. Draw a face on your results.

- F   O   1. Pumpkins are round.
- F   O   2. Pumpkins are orange.
- F   O   3. Pumpkins taste good.
- F   O   4. People can carve faces on pumpkins.
- F   O   5. Pumpkin faces are scary.
- F   O   6. Pumpkin can be made into a pie.
- F   O   7. Pumpkin pie is too spicy.
- F   O   8. Some pumpkins are larger than others.
- F   O   9. Some pumpkins are a darker color than others.
- F   O   10. Some people hollow out pumpkins.
- F   O   11. Some people put candles in pumpkins.
- F   O   12. Lighted pumpkins scare ghosts.

Write a pumpkin FACT here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Write a pumpkin OPINION here: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3.   1.   11.   5.  
2.   .   .   10.  
4.   .   .   9.  
7.   6.   8.   12.

# Hallowed Areas

Approximate each object in square units.



Approximate Area of

Pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_ sq. units

Cat \_\_\_\_\_ sq. units

Witch \_\_\_\_\_ sq. units

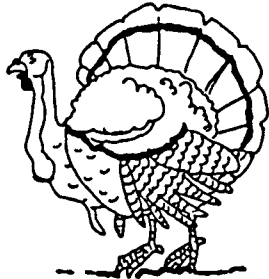
Total drawing \_\_\_\_\_ sq. units

Hint: Color over the objects lightly with a crayon.

# Happy Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, families get together to give thanks for all they have. Then they share a big turkey dinner.

I am thankful for my: home \_\_\_\_\_



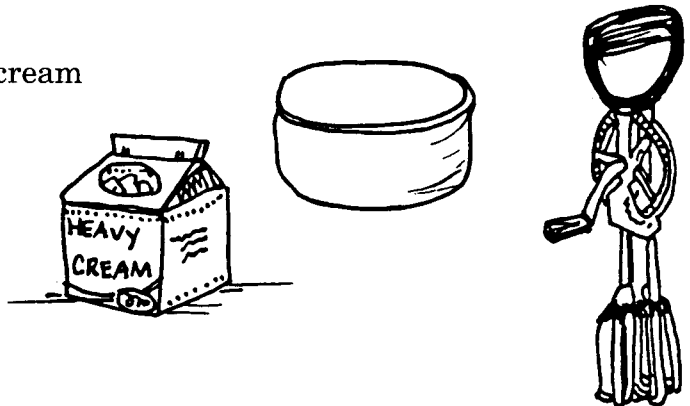
friends \_\_\_\_\_

family \_\_\_\_\_

school \_\_\_\_\_

At the first Thanksgiving dinner, the Pilgrims sat down with the Indians and ate for three days. One of the things they ate was homemade butter. Now you can make it, too!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** ½ pint of heavy cream  
an egg beater  
a mixing bowl

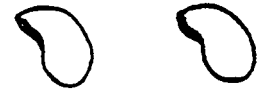


## WHAT TO DO:

1. Pour the cream into the bowl.
2. Beat the cream until the cream stiffens into butter. (This will take some time.)
3. Put on some bread and enjoy!

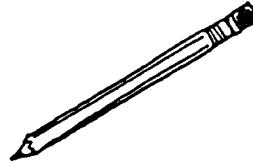
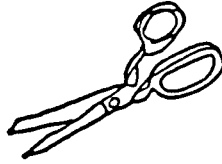


# Make and Play the Dreidel Game

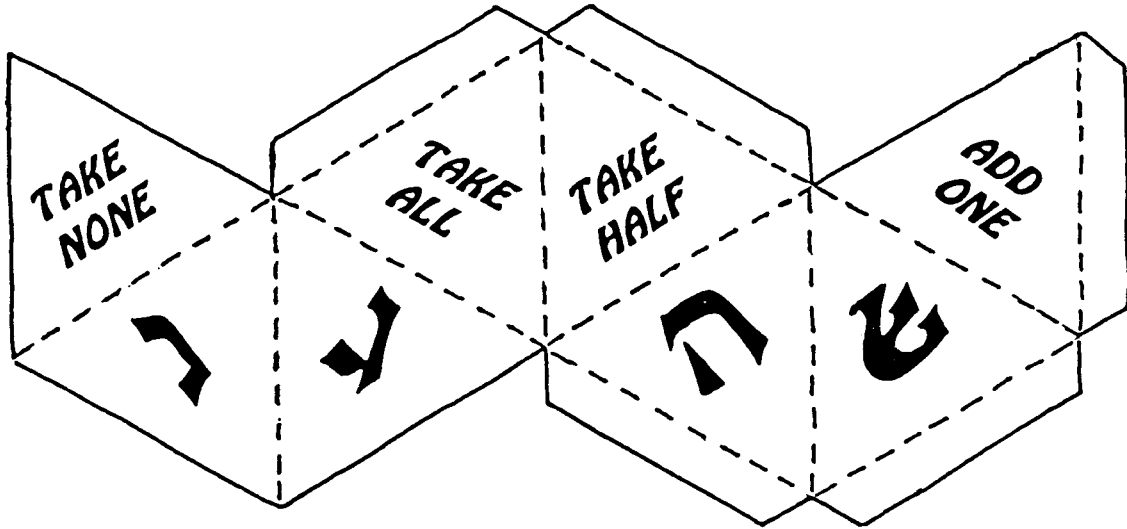


**YOU'LL NEED:**      scissors      tape  
                         pencil      15 markers (beans, buttons, peanuts, etc.)

## TO MAKE A DREIDEL:



1. Cut out the dreidel.
2. Fold along the --- dashed lines and tape in place.
3. Snip off a small piece of the top and bottom points of the dreidel.
4. Put a pencil through the holes, with the point down.



## TO PLAY THE DREIDEL GAME:

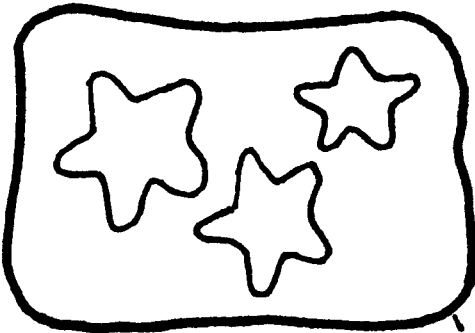
1. Each player puts a marker in the middle. This is called the Pot.
2. Players take turns spinning the dreidel.

If the TAKE NONE is on top, the player takes nothing.  
If the TAKE ALL is on top, the player takes the whole Pot.  
If the TAKE HALF is on top, the player takes one half the Pot.  
If the ADD ONE is on top, all players add one marker to the Pot.

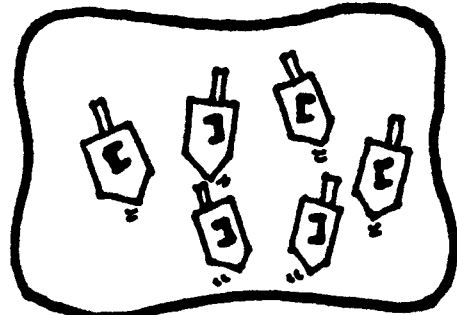


# How Many Holiday Things?

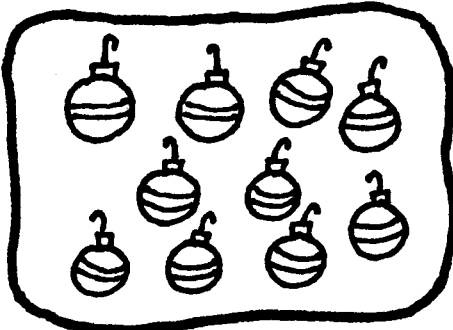
Count the number of holiday things in each of the boxes and then draw a line to the correct numeral. Color the pictures. Each box contains a set of objects. How many sets are on this page?



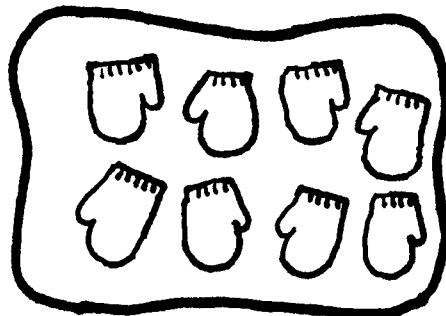
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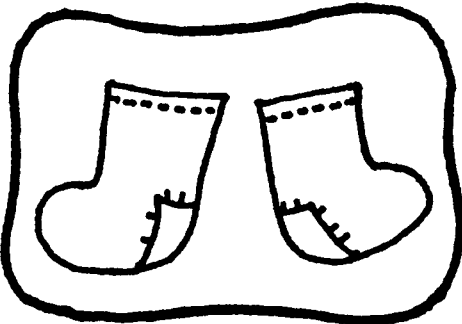
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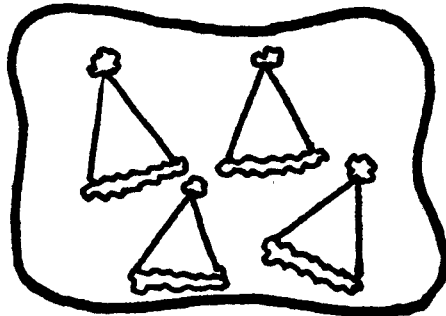
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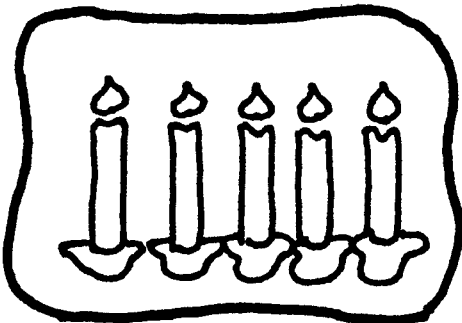
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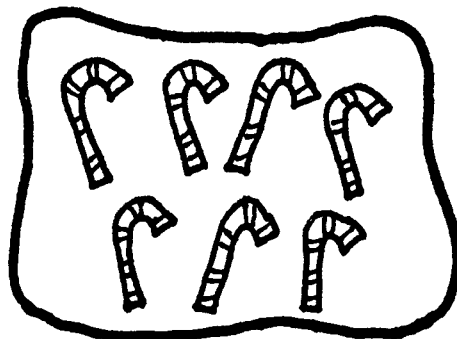
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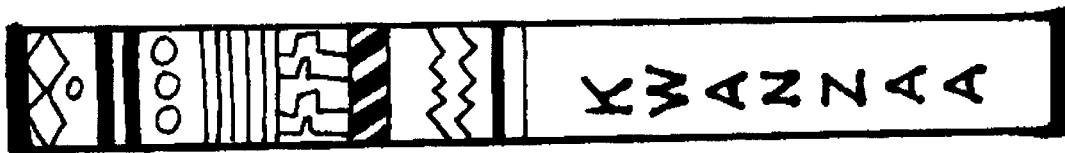


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# Kwanzaa Craft







## HOW TO MAKE A KWANZAA BANNER

1. Cut a 2-foot long strip of blue paper or cloth. (Blue like the indigo plant dye.)
2. Paint the word "Kwanzaa" on it with black felt pen or fabric crayon.
3. Make designs on it. (In Ghana, the comb design is very popular.)
4. Wear this for your festival.

# Ways to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

On January 20, 1986, the first Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was celebrated. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a black minister who believed in equal treatment for ALL people, regardless of the color of their skin. In the boxes below, use your crayons to show how to join in the celebration. How many will you actually do?

 ring a bell	 fly a balloon
 make a flag	 love peace justice have a parade



# Lincoln or Washington?

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the blanks with either an “L” for Lincoln or a “W” for Washington.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I was born in a log cabin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. My birthday is February 22nd.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. My birthday is February 12th.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I am known as the father of my country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Virginia is my home state.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I helped to end slavery in America.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I helped America free itself of English rule.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I was a lawyer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I was the first President of the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I was born in Kentucky.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I fought in two great wars.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The Civil War was fought while I was President.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Mt. Vernon was my home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. My wife’s name was Mary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I married Martha Curtis.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. I was shot and killed by John Wilkes Booth.



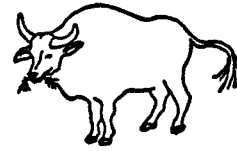
Answers: 1. L; 2. W; 3. L; 4. W; 5. W; 6. L; 7. W;  
8. L; 9. W; 10. L; 11. W; 12. L; 13. W; 14. L; 15. W; 16. L

# All About the Chinese New Year

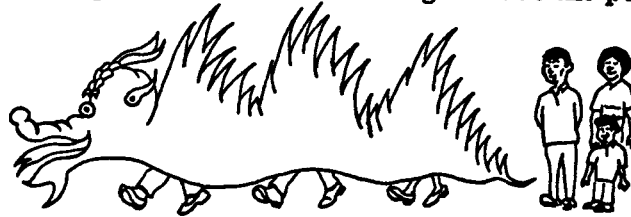
1. Chinese New Year is \_\_\_\_\_



2. This is the year of the \_\_\_\_\_



3. Many Chinese people live in the big cities of the United States. In "Chinatown" there is a parade with a large "dragon" and people in costumes. The dragon leads the people into a good new year.



4. Many visitors go to see the parades. There are loud noises and firecrackers. The air is full of smoke and the smell of gunpowder.



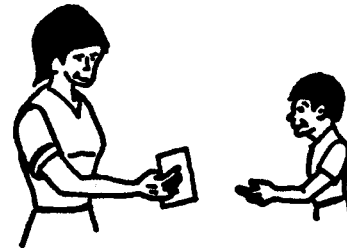
5. People say "Gong Hay Fat Choy." That means "Have a Happy New Year."



6. The New Year is a giant birthday party. Everyone is one year older on this day. They exchange presents and play games.



7. Parents give children money. The money is in red envelopes for good luck.



8. The Chinese make delicious foods for the New Year. They put flowers in their homes. They visit their family and friends.



9. Koreans, Japanese, and some other Asians celebrate the New Year on this date.



# All About the Chinese New Year, cont'd

I. Do you know these words? Find these words in the story. Draw a line under them. Copy the words. Write the meanings.

Chinese	loud	giant
Chinatown	noises	exchange
parade	firecrackers	presents
dragon	air	money
costumes	full	envelopes
lead/led	smoke	good luck
visitors	smell	delicious
birthday	gunpowder	celebrate

II. Complete the sentences and answer the questions.

1. This is the year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ leads the parade in Chinatown.
3. People say \_\_\_\_\_. That means "Happy New Year."
4. All Chinese celebrate their \_\_\_\_\_ on the New Year.
5. Parents give children \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ envelopes for good luck.

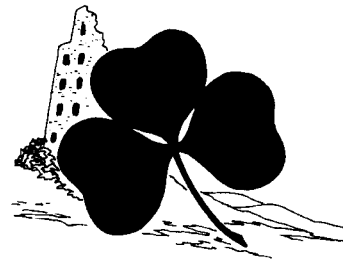
III. Activities for Chinese New Year:

1. Learn the names of Asian countries and locate them on a world map.
2. Make paper dragons.
3. Read an Asian folktale.
4. Have an Asian foods tasting party.
5. Videotape the news broadcast of the New Year celebration and view it in class.

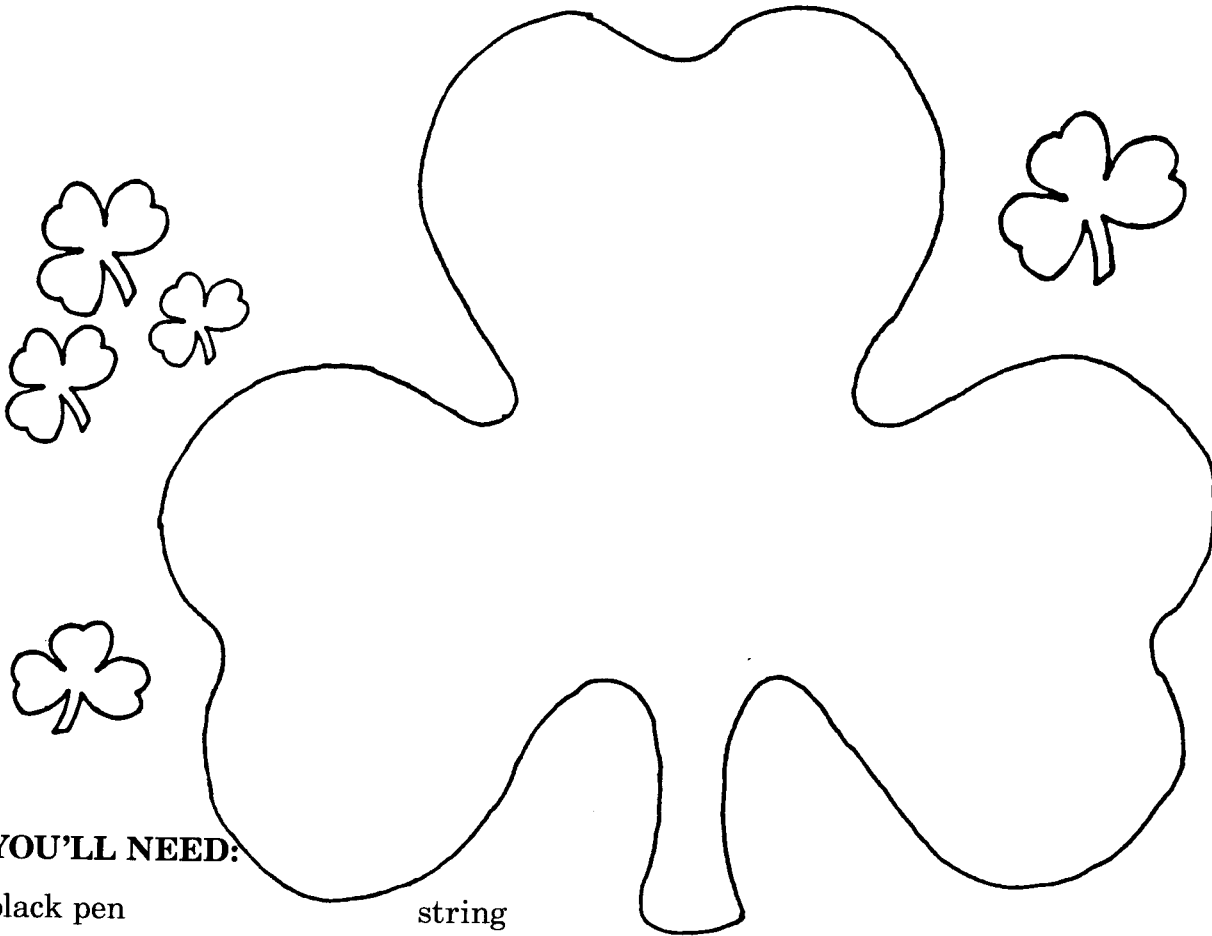
# St. Patrick's Day Words

Put the correct answers on the lines, and find this holiday symbol.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What country is associated with this day?  
r. England  
s. Ireland  
t. Scotland
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What color is associated with this day?  
f. blue  
g. red  
h. green
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which gem is associated with this day?  
a. emerald  
b. ruby  
c. diamond
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which plant is associated with this day?  
l. four-leaf clover  
m. shamrock  
n. ivy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Where does a famous parade for this day take place?  
r. Boston  
s. London  
t. Paris
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Saint Patrick's Day is on which date?  
m. March 27  
n. May 7  
o. March 17
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. How many segments are in the symbol for this day?  
b. two  
c. three  
d. four
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Who was Saint Patrick?  
k. missionary  
l. historian  
m. patrician



# Shamrock Wish Mobile

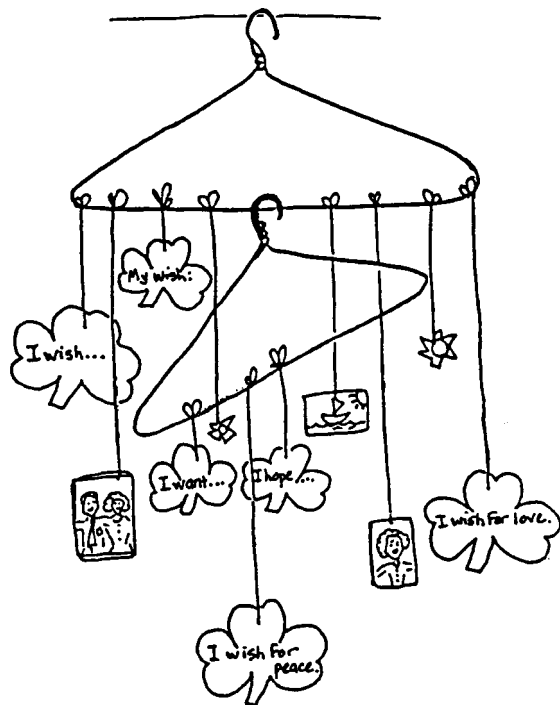


## YOU'LL NEED:

- black pen
- string
- green construction paper
- hangers
- magazine pictures
- photos

## NOW. . .

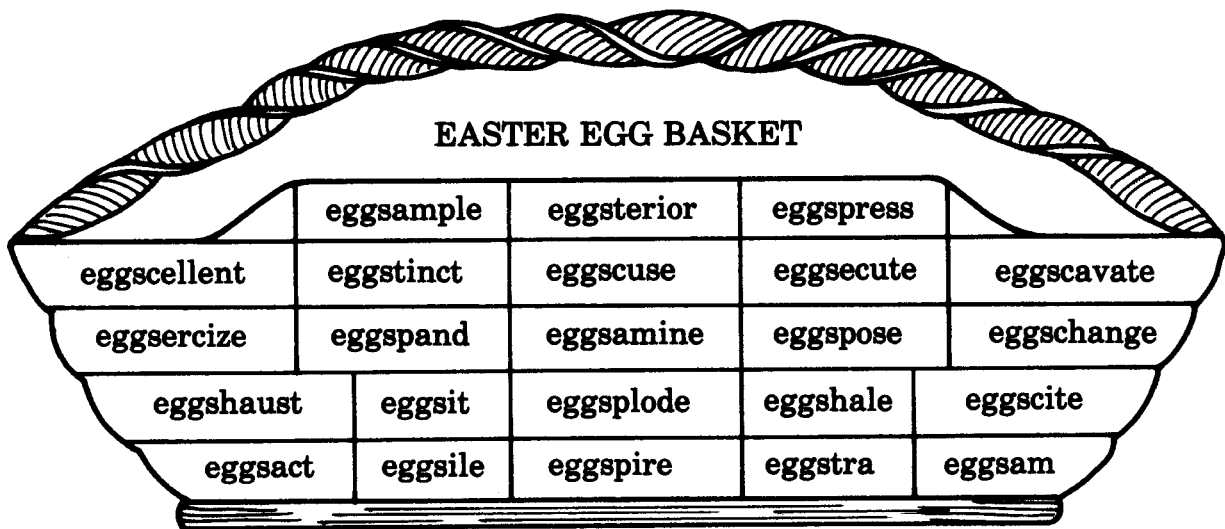
1. Make 6 wishes:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Cut out 6 shamrocks.
3. Write a wish on each shamrock.
4. Using string, hang your shamrocks from a hanger - pictures, too!



# Easter "Eggs"

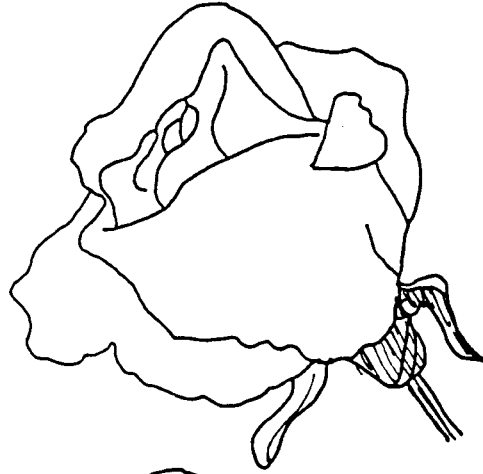
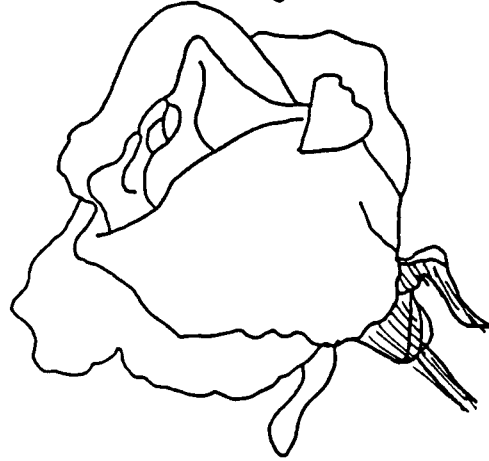
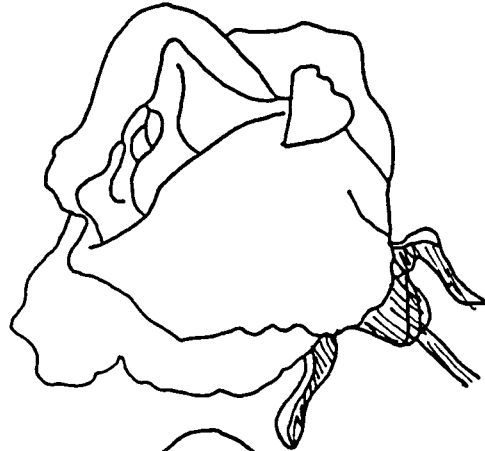
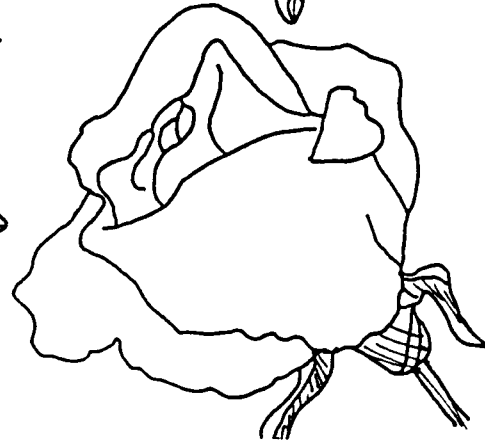
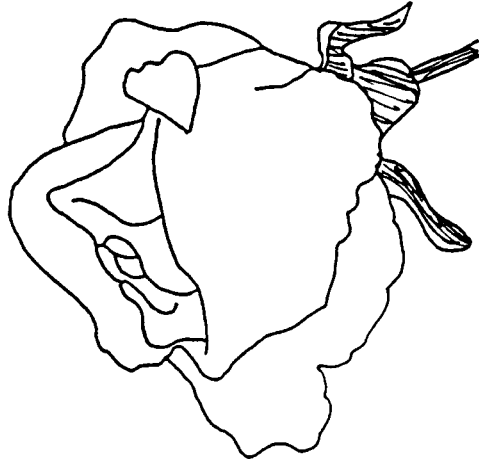
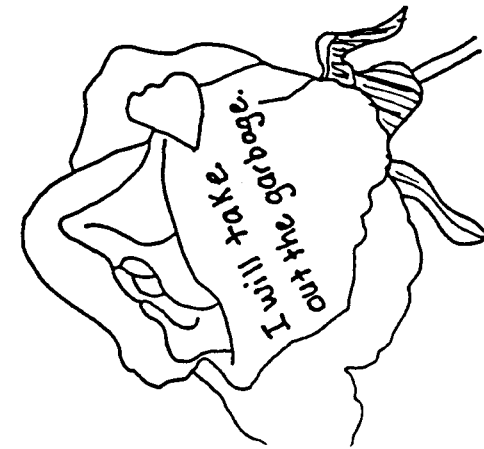
You can answer each of these questions with a word that starts with "eggs" ("ex," that is!). Use the EASTER EGG BASKET to help you. You will not use all the words. Spell YOUR words with ex.

1. What eggs are very precise? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What eggs do you have to study for? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What eggs give you a "for instance"? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What eggs give you a close look? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What eggs dig? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What eggs are more than you need? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What eggs are outstanding? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What eggs do you trade? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What eggs pep you up? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What eggs take you off the hook? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What eggs kill? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What eggs make you physically fit? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What eggs come out of your car? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What eggs banish kings? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What eggs run out? \_\_\_\_\_



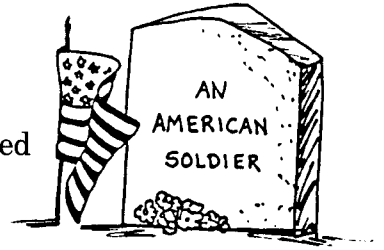
# Roses for Mom

Show Mom how much you love her with these roses that promise you'll help her—today and every day! Write some promises of your own. Then cut them out and give them to your mom for a happy Mother's Day.

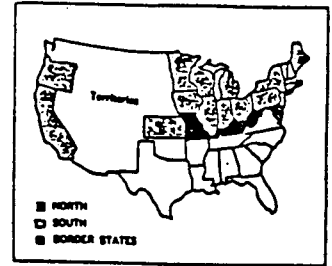


# Memorial Day

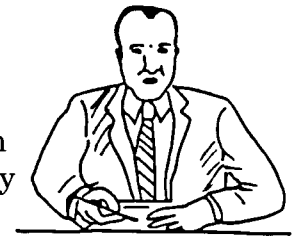
On this sad day, we remember the men and women who have died fighting for our country.



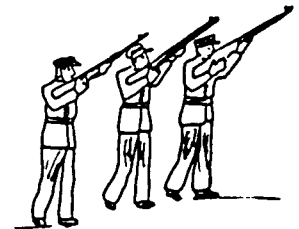
It started with a parade on May 5, 1866. Back then it was called Decoration Day, and it honored the soldiers of the Civil War. In that war, America was divided, and the North and South went to war.



In 1882, the name was changed from “Decoration” Day to “Memorial” Day. Then finally, in 1971, President Richard Nixon made it a national holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Monday in May.



On that day, soldiers fire rifles into the air, sailors throw flowers into the ocean, and Americans everywhere join in parades and place flowers and small flags on soldiers’ graves.



## FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. This holiday was first called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. President \_\_\_\_\_ made Memorial Day a national holiday.
3. Whom do we honor on Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Memorial Day is celebrated on the \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Monday in May.
5. Soldiers fire their \_\_\_\_\_ and sailors throw \_\_\_\_\_ into the ocean on Memorial Day.

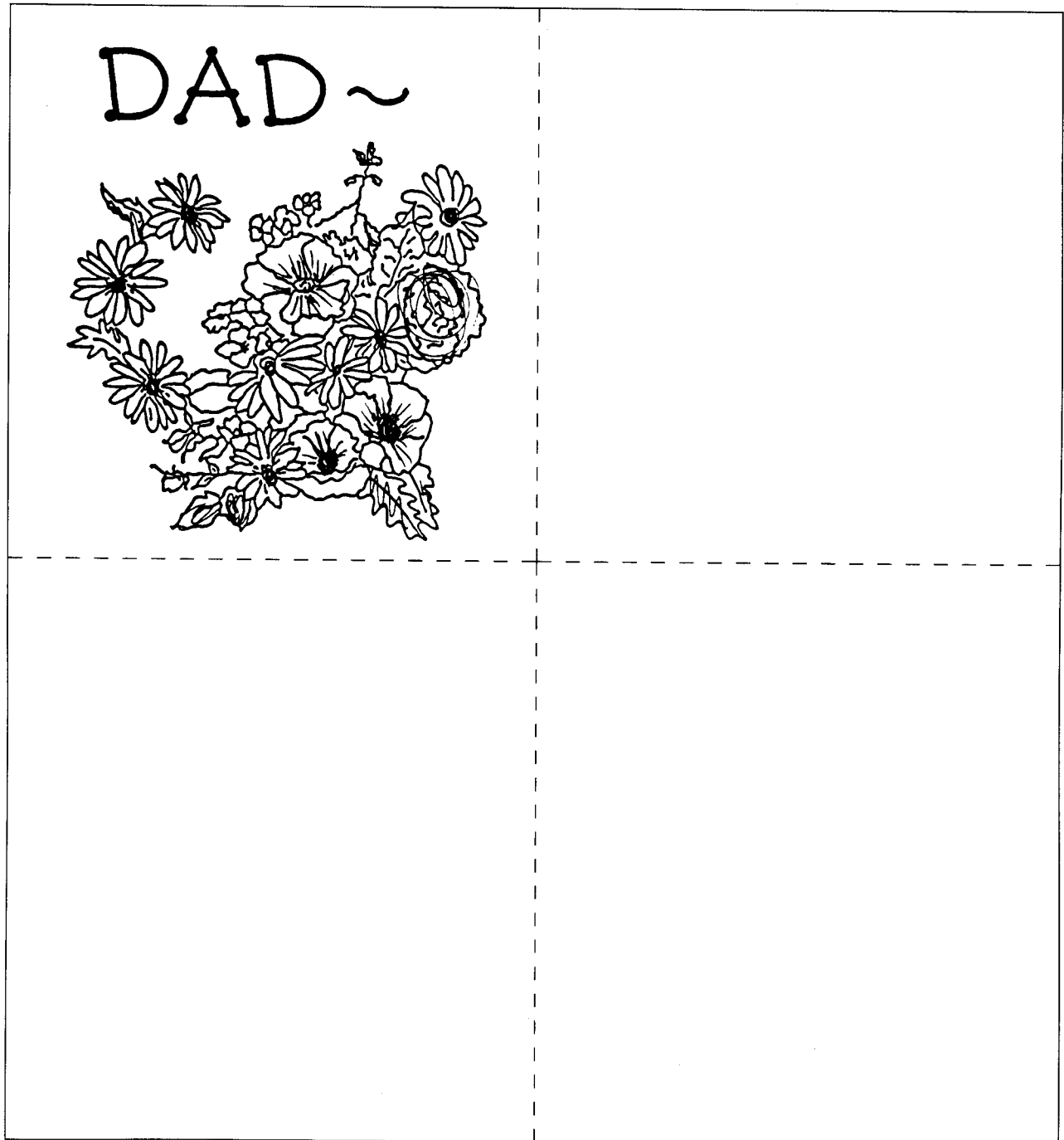
# A Father's Day Card

Dad does so much:

1. Goes to work.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**NOW:**

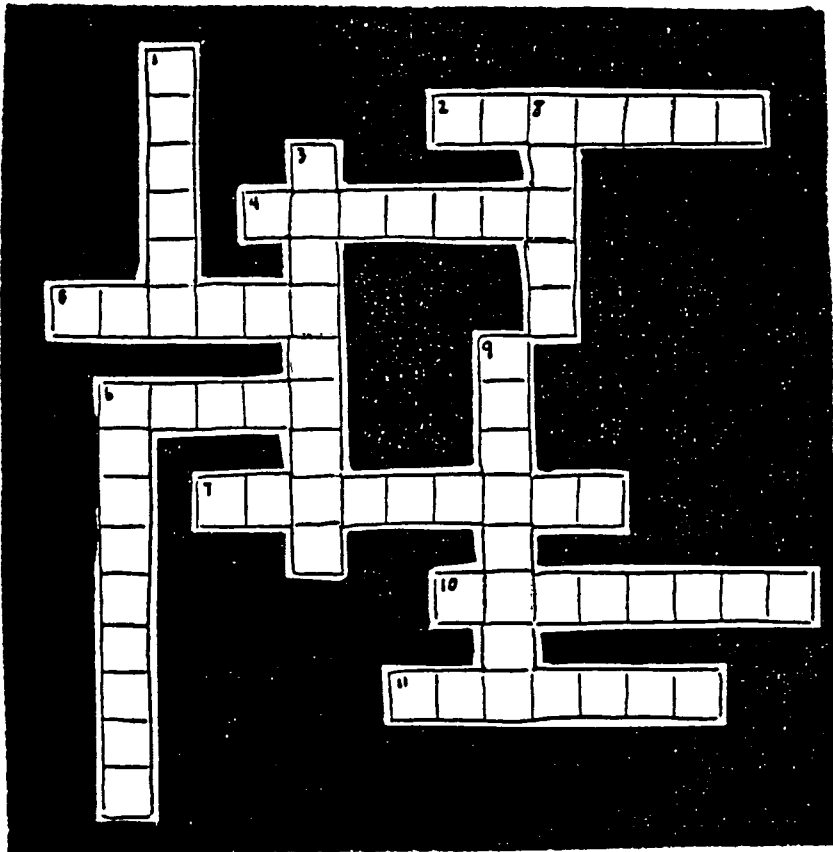
1. Cut along solid (—) lines.
2. Fold along dotted (---) lines.
3. Color the cover.
4. Write a note and thank your dad.
5. Make the envelope on next page.



# Labor Day Crossword

## WORD BANK:

carpenter  
nurse  
policeman  
cashier  
teacher  
pilot  
mechanic  
doctor  
secretary  
farmer  
dentist  
waitress

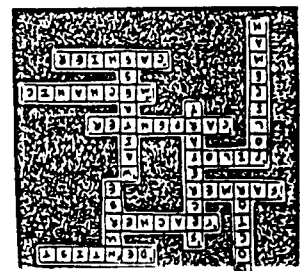


## DOWN CLUES

1. cares for the sick
3. does a lot of typing
5. grows our food
6. keeps order and arrests people
8. works with doctors to make us well
9. (She) serves food in a restaurant

## ACROSS CLUES

2. cares for our teeth and gums
4. helps students learn
6. flies airplanes
7. makes things out of wood
10. repairs cars and other machines
11. takes our money and gives us change



# Holiday Codes

Read the HOLIDAY CODE GRID to find the information about holidays. Find the code numbers and letters on the outside of the grid. Look to see where the code numbers and letters intersect.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is December 25.  
 2C    3A    5C    5E    1A    5B    3D    1C    1A

2. February 22 is the birthday of \_\_\_\_\_  
 2E    5A    2A    5C    2E    5A

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
 1E    1C    1A    3A    5E    2B    2E    5B    2A    2B

3. New Year's Day is in \_\_\_\_\_  
 5D    1C    2B    1D    1C    5C    4A

4. March 17 is \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 Day.    1A    5B    1B    1C    5B    5C    5E    2C    2D    1A

5. February 2 is \_\_\_\_\_ Day.  
 2E    5C    2A    1D    2B    3E    3A    2A    2E

6. Flag Day and Father's Day are in \_\_\_\_\_  
 5D    1D    2B    5A

7. Veteran's Day is in \_\_\_\_\_  
 2B    2A    3B    5A    3D    4E    5A    5C

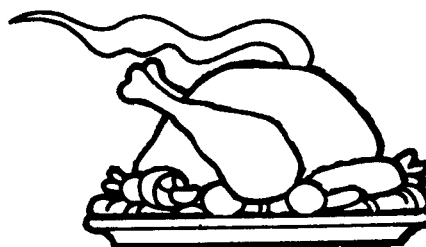
8. The first day of \_\_\_\_\_ is usually in  
 December.    3A    1C    2B    1D    2D    2D    1C    3A

9. January 16 is the birthday of \_\_\_\_\_  
 3D    1C    5C    5B    5E    2B

\_\_\_\_\_ .  
 3C    1D    5B    3A    5A    5C    2D    5E    2B    2E

10. Thanksgiving is the \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday in  
 November.    4B    2A    1D    5C    5B    3A

5	E	T	R	J	I
4	Y	F	Q	X	B
3	H	V	L	M	D
2	O	N	C	K	G
1	S	P	A	U	W
	A	B	C	D	E



# December Days Outline

Many important days are remembered in December. See if you can organize the SCRAMBLED TOPICS into a sensible outline, using the holidays or occasions as main headings (I, II, etc.) and the dates and other details as subordinate points (A, B, etc.).

I. _____	III. _____
A. _____	A. _____
B. _____	B. _____
C. _____	C. _____
D. _____	IV. _____
E. _____	A. _____
F. _____	B. _____
II. _____	C. _____
A. _____	V. _____
B. _____	A. _____
C. _____	B. _____
D. _____	C. _____
E. _____	D. _____



SCRAMBLED TOPICS	
December 31	Japanese bombing of Hawaii
Hanukkah	Evergreen trees
December 21	Jewish festival
December (usually)	Menorah
Presents	Colder weather
Pearl Harbor Day	First day of Winter
Year of 1946	December 7
Winter solstice (U.S.)	Official end of WWII
Christian celebration	December 25
Rededication of Temple	Year of 1941
Birth of Christ	Shortest day (U.S.)
8-day celebration	Defeat of the Axis
Santa Claus	Christmas Day

# February Fun

Write the day in February that these events happen. Then figure out the five answers below. You may use a calendar, dictionary, or encyclopedia to help you if you do not know the days. The NUMBER BANK has all the numbers you will need.

A. Lincoln's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Washington's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Valentine's Day: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Groundhog Day: \_\_\_\_\_

1. B - A = \_\_\_\_\_

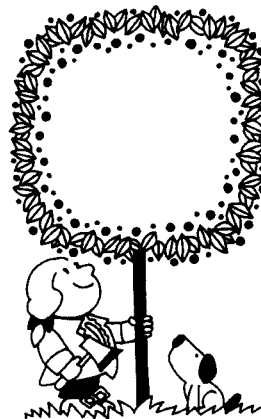
2. B - C = \_\_\_\_\_

3. A + D = \_\_\_\_\_

4. C + D = \_\_\_\_\_

5. A + B + C + D = \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NUMBER BANK</b>				
2	8	10	12	14
14	16	22	50	



# Holiday Plants and Animals

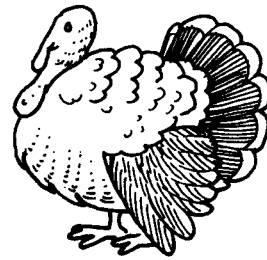
Put the words in the outline. The names of holidays are major topics. Put related animals under A. Put related plants under B. Use the number of lines to guide you.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

- II. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

- III. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

- IV. \_\_\_\_\_  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_



## HOLIDAY WORD BANK

poinsettia  
cat  
Thanksgiving

turkey  
Christmas  
pumpkin

Easter  
bunny  
reindeer

cranberries  
lily  
Halloween