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Santa Claus part 1

Santa Claus is a beloved figure around the world. But did you know that he wasn't always a jolly old man in a red suit? Let's take a look at the _____ of Santa Claus.

Long ago, there was a man named Saint Nicholas. He lived in _____ in the fourth century. Saint Nicholas was known for his



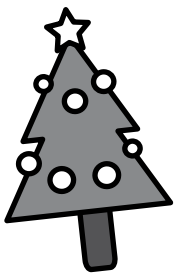
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this secretly, by leaving the bags of gold in their stockings, which were hanging to dry by the fire. This is said to be the _____ of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas Eve.

Over time, Saint Nicholas became known as Sinterklaas in Dutch, and then as Santa Claus in _____. The image of Santa Claus as we know him today began to develop in the _____ century. In the 1800s, an artist named Thomas Nast created the popular image of Santa Claus with a white beard, red



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Santa Claus part 2

suit, and a sack of toys.

Today, Santa Claus is loved by children all around the world. On Christmas Eve, he is said to _____ down chimneys to deliver gifts to children who have been good throughout the year. Children often leave out cookies and milk for Santa

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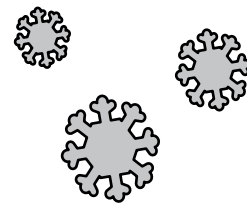
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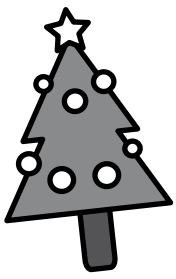
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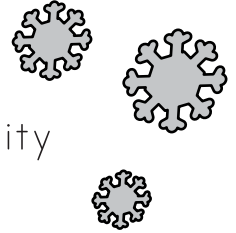
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Santa Claus part 3

Multiple-Choice Questions:



1. Who was Saint Nicholas known for his love and generosity towards?

- a) Adults b) Animals c) Children

2. In which century did the image of Santa Claus begin to develop?

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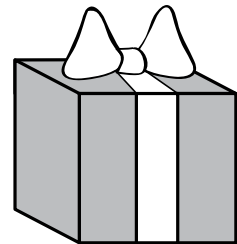
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4. What is the significance of hanging stockings by the fireplace on Christmas Eve?

- a) It is a tradition started by Saint Nicholas.
b) It is a legend created by Thomas Nast.
c) It is a story made up by children.



5. What do children leave out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve?

- a) Carrots and water b) Cookies and milk c) Apples and juice.