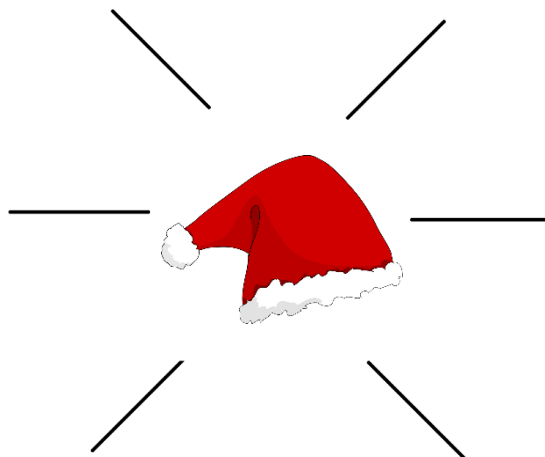


**BEFORE THE MOVIE:****1** When you think about Christmas, what comes to your mind first?

Fill in the mind map alone or with your deskmate. Add more lines if necessary.

Picture adapted from <https://pixabay.com/pl/vectors/swiety-mikolaj-kapelusz-43847/>**2** Translate these words into your own language. Ask your friends or use the dictionary to help you.

origins – geneza, początki

norse - nordycki

evergreens – wiecznie zielone

logs – kłody, bale

solstice - przesilenie

to celebrate – celebrować, świętować

holy - święty

pagan - pogański

a mystery – zagadka

to theorise - teoretyzować

to outlaw - zakazać

to reimagine – wyobrazić sobie na nowo

a reindeer - renifer

a cheer - radość

jolly – radosny, wesoly

If you need English definitions you can look them up in OALD 😊 www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com

Don't forget to mark the words you didn't know before with a star ☆

DURING THE MOVIE:



3 What were people doing during Yule and Saturnalia? Describe the activities... or draw them.

a) Yule

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Around 21st Dec. (the Winter Solstice) fathers and sons dragged evergreens indoors as reminders of life and set logs on fire as a promise of good fortune.

b) Saturnalia

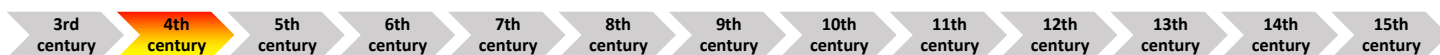
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One week before the Winter Solstice, Romans celebrated an orgy of food and drink (called Saturnalia).

4 Does the Bible mention exactly when Christ was born?

a) Yes. **b) No.** c) I don't know.

5 In which century was 25th XII adopted as the feast day of the nativity - later known as Christmas?



6 What was the symbolic meaning of evergreens decorated with apples?

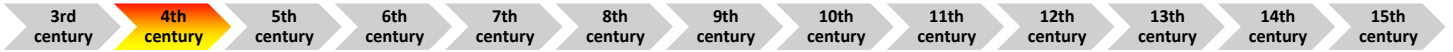


They symbolized the garden of Eden.

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<https://pixabay.com/pl/photos/apple-żywności-owoców-1834639> and <https://pixabay.com/pl/vectors/kolorowy-evergreen-iglastych-natura-1297806/>

7 Which century marks the beginning of the Santa Claus story?



8 What's the story described in a poem "The Night before Christmas", published in 1822?

"Good natured saint called Santa Claus (...) was pulled by a group of reindeer and came down the chimney on Christmas Eve. Like Saint Nicolas, Santa Claus spread good cheer and gave gifts to children."

9 Who's responsible for the current-day look of Santa Claus?



In 1863, **Thomas Nast** a cartoonist for Harper's Weekly, created his version of the Christian saint.

Picture adapted from <https://pixabay.com/pl/illustrations/santa-claus-boze-narodzenie-nicholas-1614994>

AFTER THE MOVIE:

10 Work in pairs or in groups. Create a short Christmas story.



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A CHRISTMAS SONG & CAROL:

JINGLE BELLS ORIGINAL WITH LYRICS: o-rozewicz.pl/jingle-bells



11 Listen to the Christmas songs and try to fill in the gaps in it, using the words provided below.



song / song / snow / ride / fun / fun / back / sleigh / sleigh / ring / laughed / story / horse / bank / white

Dashing through the ¹ snow
In a one-horse open ² sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tail ³ ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing ⁴ song tonight.

chorus:

*Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what ⁵ fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what ⁶ fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.*

A day or two ago
I thought I'd take a ⁷ ride
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The ⁸ horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot,
We got into a drifted ⁹ bank
And there we got upstot.

chorus

A day or two ago
The ¹⁰ story I must tell
I went out on the snow
And on my ¹¹ back I fell;
A gent was riding by
In a one-horse open sleigh
He ¹² laughed as there I sprawling lie
But quickly drove away.

chorus

Now the ground is ¹³ white
Go it while you're young,
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing ¹⁴ song
Just get a bob-tailed bay,
Two-forty for his speed,
Then hitch him to an open ¹⁵ sleigh
And crack! You'll take the lead.

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12 Sing the Christmas song together with your groupmates!



**13** Listen to the Christmas carol and try to fill in the gaps in it, using some of the words provided below. 

child / heavenly / Saviour / holy / holy / bright / birth / heavenly / heaven / Saviour / God / birth / holy / grace

Silent night, ¹ holy night,
 All is calm, all is ² bright
 Round yon Virgin Mother and ³ Child
 Holy infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in ⁴ heavenly peace.
 Sleep in ⁵ heavenly peace.

Silent night, ⁶ holy night,
 Son of ⁷ God love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy Holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming ⁸ grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy ⁹ birth
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy ¹⁰ birth

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14 Sing the Christmas carol together with your groupmates!