

*Here are the answers to the quiz:*

1. c. St. Francis

2. b. Turkey

note: Nothing was written down about the man St. Nicholas until about 300 years after he was dead, so other than his name, all else is legend.

3. a. Saturn, god of agriculture

note: Other cultures and religions had winter festivals that involved their specific gods, but the likeness of Father Christmas comes from the image of Saturn.

4. c. Kris Kringle

5. a. a man dressed as the devil being Santa's helper

note: People get strange ideas....

6. a. Washington Irving

7. d. a cartoonist

note: He was a political cartoonist and artist for Harper's Weekly. He remembered Moore's poem from nearly 40 years prior, and beginning in 1863, for the next 23 years he drew a new Santa each year. He was the first to draw the workshop and started the idea of Santa living at the North Pole. Major expeditions to the North Pole were going on at that time.

8. b. Rudolph

9. c. violence

note: From its beginnings, the winter festival was known as a time of up-side-downs. It was more community and publicly oriented, not centered around home and family as it is today. It was much like a combination of trick-or-treat and New Year's carousing. Those of "lower" social status thought they had a right to expect a day of living as the upper classes and being in charge. The expected gifts from people more well-to-do than they were. Throughout the years, there were cycles of time periods when gangs roamed the streets demanding things on Christmas Day.

10. b. Indiana

note: The town name was changed by the town members to encourage tourism.

11. c. mouse/guitar

note: A mouse chewed through the bellows of the organ. Joseph Mohr had written a poem that Franz Gruber, the church organist put to music. Mr. Gruber instead played the guitar during the service while a children's choir sang.

12. c. 40 years

13. d. 20

14. a. the dove

15. d. 90 miles

16. d. 28

note: [click here for a list of towns in the USA named Bethlehem.](#)

17. d. all of the above

18. a. 1800's

note: Clement Moore's poem, Washington Irving's book, Thomas Nast's illustrations, and Charles Dickens' book A Christmas Carol were all instrumental in forming the current cultural ideas of Christmas.

19. c. early 300's

20. a. Christmas customs were not part of American culture and the European forces were drinking (alcoholic beverages) in celebration of Christmas.