

The History of Christmas

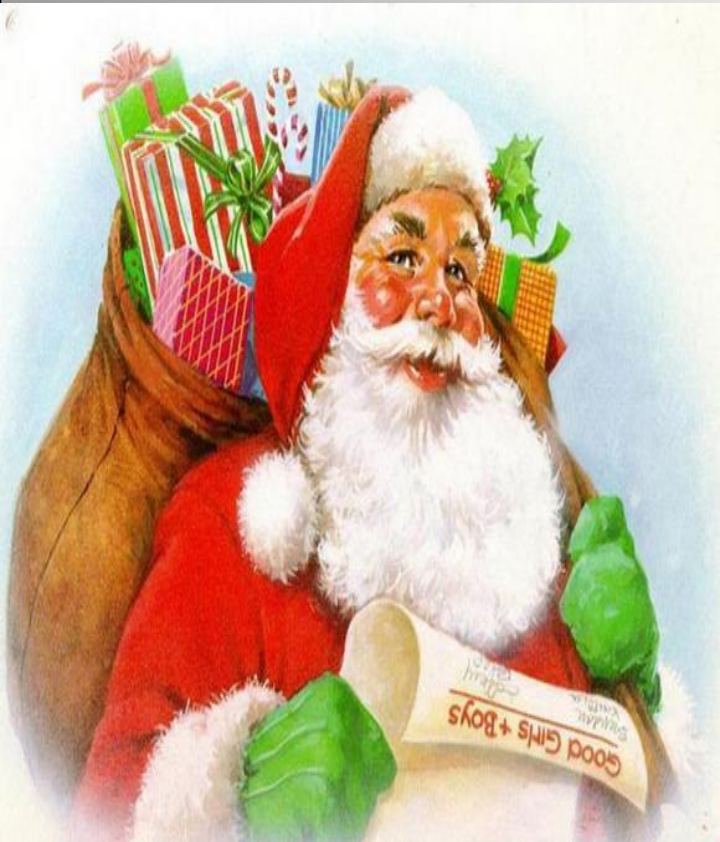
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- On the 25th of December the British people celebrate Christmas . Every year Londoners get a present from the people of Norway – Christmas Tree .
- It stands in the Trafalgar Square .
- Before Christmas group of singers perform traditional Christmas songs or carols in the streets and squares. They collect money for charity.

Santa



- Santa Claus is said to live at the North Pole with his wife, where he spends the year making toys with the help of his elves. There he receives letters from children asking for Christmas gifts. On Christmas Eve he loads his sleigh with toys and flies around the world, drawn by eight reindeer, stopping at each child's house; he slides down the chimney and leaves the gifts, refreshing himself with the milk and cookies left for him by the household's children.

Santa Claus



- legendary figure who is the traditional patron of Christmas legendary figure who is the traditional patron of Christmas in the United States and other countries, bringing gifts to children. His popular image is based on traditions associated with Saint Nicholas, a 4th-century Christian saint. Father Christmas fills the

an evergreen tree



- an evergreen an evergreen tree, often a pine, balsam, or fir, decorated with lights and ornaments as a part of Christmas festivities. The use of evergreen trees, wreaths, and garlands to symbolize eternal life was a custom of the ancient Egyptians, Chinese, and Hebrews.

Prince Albert, Queen Victoria, and the British royal family gathered around the Christmas tree at ...



The first Christmas card



carols



- Carols, songs with texts of moral counsel, and a few amorous, satirical, and topical texts. The versification shows skill, ingenuity, and assurance. Many carols are macaronic, mixing two languages, usually in Latin and English.

Christmas presents





Russian Orthodox church
also recognizes January
7 as Christmas day, and
the Armenian church
honors January 6 as
Christmas

The morning of December 25



- In most European countries gifts are exchanged on Christmas Eve, December 24, in keeping with the notion that the baby Jesus was born on the night of the 24th. The morning of December 25, however, has become the time for the exchange of gifts in North America.