

CHRISTMAS TREE THE WONDER!



Интерактивная лекция-викторина
для учащихся **8-11** классов

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**The use of
evergreen trees
to celebrate the
winter season
occurred before
the birth of
Christ .**

**The first
decorated
Christmas
tree was in
Riga ,
Latvia in
1510.**





**The first
printed
reference to
Christmas
trees
appeared in
Germany
in 1531.**

**Besides
evergreens, other
types of trees
such as
cherry and
hawthorns were
used as
Christmas trees
in the past.**





**Using small
candles_ to light a
Christmas tree
dates back to the
middle of the 17th
century.**

Every year since 1947, the people of Oslo, Norway have given a Christmas tree to the city of Westminster, England. The gift is an expression of good will and gratitude for Britain's help to Norway during World War II.





**In 1856 Franklin
Pierce, the 14th
President of the
United States,
was the first
President to
place a
Christmas tree
in the White
— House —**

President Theodore Roosevelt, an avowed environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House during his presidency. The president was against real Christmas trees because he feared that Christmas trees would lead to deforestation.





**The first
Christmas tree
retail lot in the
United States
was started by
Mark Carr in New
York
_____, in 1851.**

The most popular Christmas trees are: Scotch pine, Douglas fir, noble fir, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Virginia pine and white pine



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**It is believed that
decorating
Christmas trees
originated in 16th
century Germany
when Christians
would bring
decorated trees
into their homes.
Christmas trees
are also known as
the Yule -tree.**

**Christmas trees
were first
decorated with
foods such as
apples, nuts
and dates.**





**The world's tallest
cut Christmas tree
was a 67.36 meters
(221 feet) Douglas
fir erected and
decorated at
Northgate Shopping
Center , Seattle,
Washington, USA, in
December 1950.**

**IN THE 19TH
CENTURY Christmas
trees were often
decorated - most
dangerously – with
candles .**





**TINSEL WAS ONCE
made of real
~~silver~~ . It was
invented in
Germany in 1610.**

**IN POLAND,
spider webs
are common
Christmas tree
decorations
because
according to
legend, a
spider wove a
blanket for
Baby Jesus .**





**THE TALLEST
CHRISTMAS
tree in Ireland
, a Douglas fir,
is 202 feet tall
and can be
found along the
Powerscourt
River Walk in Co
Wicklow.**

Georgians have their own traditional Christmas tree called Chichilaki, made from dried up hazelnut or walnut branches that are shaped to form a small coniferous tree .





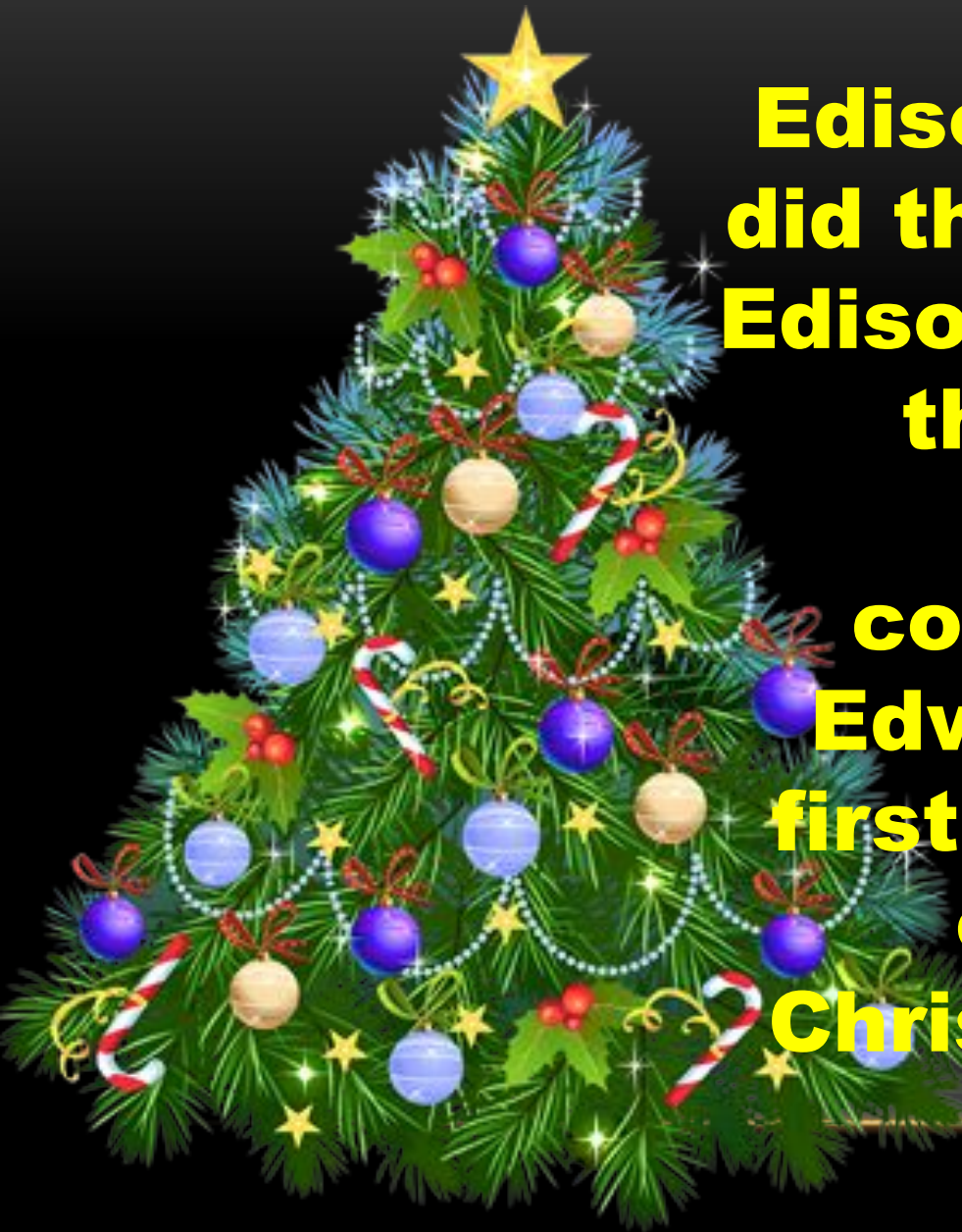
In Russia , the Christmas tree was banned after the October Revolution but then reinstated as a New-year spruce in 1935. The crowning star was regarded not as a symbol of Bethlehem Star, but as the Red star.



Standing 236-feet tall and made of scrap metal and wood covered in plastic netting, the world's tallest artificial Christmas tree was erected in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in 2016.

The White House gets an official Christmas tree every year. It sits in the circular Blue Room , and every year since 1961, the First Lady has been in charge of selecting the theme and decorations for the tree.





Some people say Edison Thomas himself did this, but let's not let Edison take more credit than he deserves. It was, in fact, his colleague and friend, Edward Johnson, who first thought of putting electric lights on a Christmas tree instead of the traditional

candles

Real Christmas trees provide excellent habitat for birds and other small animals. Their branches keep the ground cooler in summer and warmer in winter - sheltering many animals. Christmas trees help prevent water and soil erosion. They beautify the landscape.





**Decorate the Christmas tree.
Candy canes for you and me.
Hang the stockings, 1 2 3.
Wrap the presents happily.
On a sleigh ride, go go go.
Make a snowball, throw
throw throw.
Kiss beneath the
mistletoe.
Santa's laughing,
"Ho ho ho!.."**

THIS IS THE END!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TO BE CONTINUED...



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