

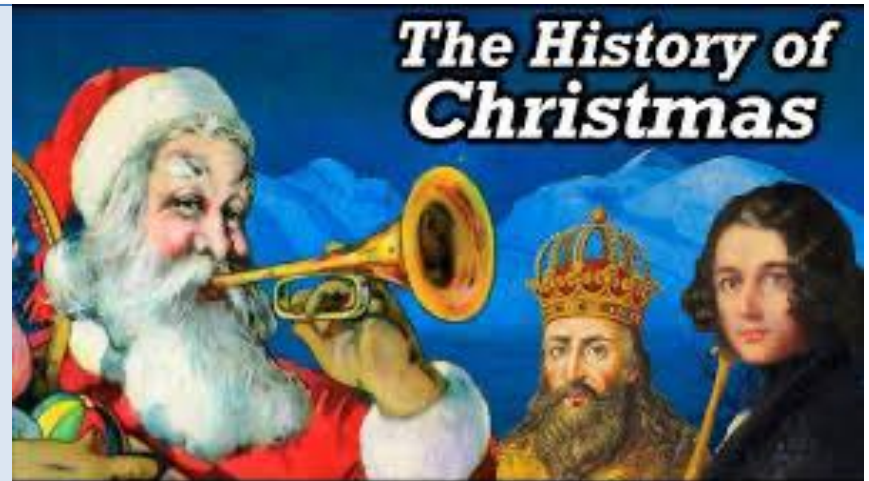
Welcome to Today's Class!

Today's Topic: The History of Christmas

Did you know that so many of our Christmas holiday traditions are rooted in pagan (pre-Christian) festivals? Over centuries, Christmas transformed into a global cultural holiday blending religious and cultural traditions. Christmas trees, gift giving, decorating, etc., are part of our long shared human history.

Agenda:

1. Take the Christmas Trivia Quiz!
(Quiz will be distributed during class)
2. View video/vocab words
3. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



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Key Vocabulary:

1. pagan
2. secular
3. winter solstice
4. mistletoe
5. ornament
6. wreath
7. eggnog
8. decorations



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Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. Which Christmas traditions have been adapted or transformed in your home country?
2. Which elements of Christmas appear to come from Christian tradition and which come from older pagan festivals?
3. How has globalization changed the way Christmas is celebrated worldwide?
4. Do you think Christmas today is more religious, cultural, or commercial? Why?