

## **Christmas Traditions**

Traditions can help \_\_\_\_\_ an event  
or can \_\_\_\_\_ an event

We can be involved with \_\_\_\_\_ activities,  
or we can share meaningful activities

Traditions hold the meaning the \_\_\_\_\_ gives  
The meaning can be \_\_\_\_\_  
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Many traditions have roots in \_\_\_\_\_

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas**

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To Christianize \_\_\_\_\_ holidays  
*Dies Natalis Solis Invicti*  
*Saturnalia*

To \_\_\_\_\_ the church calendar

### **The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas**

Christmastime celebrations before the 1800s among the commoners in England still featured much of the \_\_\_\_\_ revelry, at times little more than wild, licentious carousals.

By 1659, Christmas was \_\_\_\_\_ in many of the early North American colonies until after the Revolution.

What celebrations there were did not revolve around the \_\_\_\_\_

The face of Christmas was to be deeply affected by two classic publications: In 1823, Clement Clarke Moore's, *A Visit from Saint \_\_\_\_\_* and in 1843, Charles Dickens', *A Christmas \_\_\_\_\_*

### **\_\_\_\_\_ of Christmas**

Christmons

Bells – the \_\_\_\_\_ of the season

Candles – the light of the \_\_\_\_\_

Candy Cane – (origins with a lot of \_\_\_\_\_)

Nativity scenes

Greenery

The ancient people of Europe believed the evergreen represented \_\_\_\_\_. At the winter solstice, they would bring in evergreen leaves for the Sun \_\_\_\_\_ to get well.

Wreath – \_\_\_\_\_ life

Decorated with berries, Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Tree

Lights

Presents

The \_\_\_\_\_ gift

The gifts of the \_\_\_\_\_

### **\_\_\_\_\_ at Christmas**