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THE REAL STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Directions: Explore the Web site provided to learn about the history of Christmas. Then read each statement below. Find the word in the word list that best completes each statement. Write the correct word on the blank line in each statement.

Web Resources:

The Real Story of Christmas

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/christmas>



1. Many centuries ago, Europeans celebrated the _____ on December 21.
2. In 17th century England, the _____ canceled Christmas.
3. In the mid 1600's in Boston, anyone who was caught celebrating Christmas was fined _____.
4. Christmas was declared a U.S. national holiday in _____.
5. _____ wrote the holiday story *A Christmas Carol*.

WORD LIST

1645	1870	\$100.00	5 shillings	Puritans
Oliver Cromwell	Charles Dickens	winter solstice	Pilgrims	

Something to Think About: What holiday does your family celebrate in December? How do you celebrate that holiday?

Learn More: To learn more about how Christmas is celebrated around the world, go to <http://www.cvc.org/christmas/index.htm#culture> and click the name of a country.