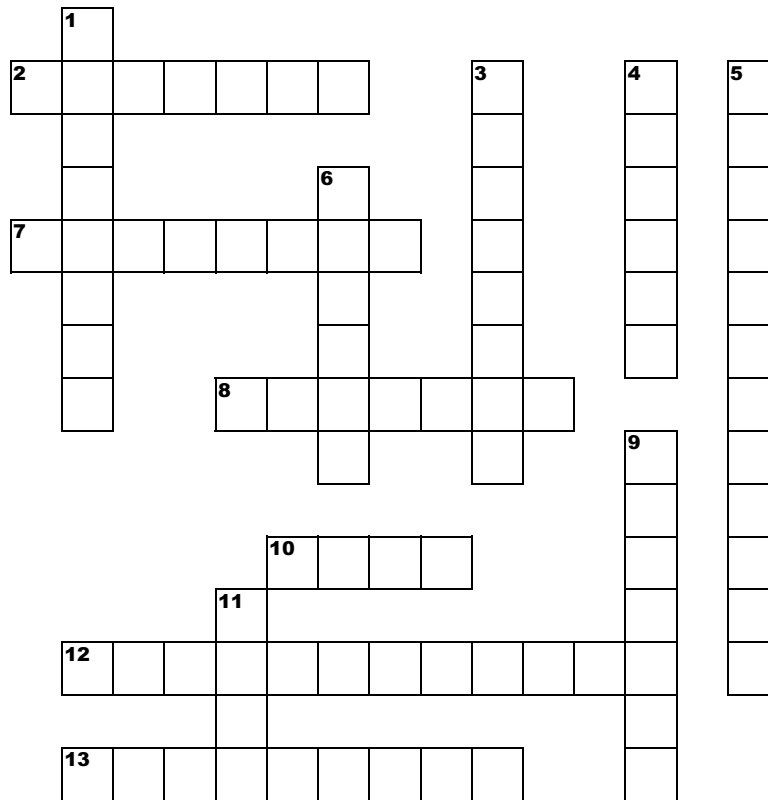


Holidays Around The World



Across

- 2.** In Pakistan, boys celebrate the first day of spring in the Muslim calendar with exciting kite-fighting contests.
- 7.** In Thailand, a special three-day water festival on April 13-15 marks Songkran, the Buddhists' celebration of the new year.
- 8.** which means "First Fruits," is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity.
- 10.** Japanese people keep the memory of their ancestors alive with a festival held during the summer called...
- 12.** On November 1 — called Día de los Muertos — Mexicans remember their loved ones who have died by visiting them and having a meal right in their graveyard.
- 13.** People celebrate this Christian holiday by going to church, giving gifts, and sharing the day with their families.

Down

- 1.** Jewish Holiday
- 3.** For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special candleholder called a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in their temple.
- 4.** On Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People attend church and also enjoy different Easter customs.
- 5.** The sun continues to shine long after midnight in Scandinavia
- 6.** To celebrate the return of spring, children in England dance around tall poles decorated with ribbons, called maypoles. Their dancing wraps the ribbons tightly around the pole.
- 9.** During this holy time, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims do not eat, drink, or smoke from sunrise to sunset for an entire month
- 11.** For this Hindu spring festival, people dress in green. Children then squirt each other with water pistols filled with yellow- or red-colored liquid

Word Bank

Ramadan

May Day

Easter

Day of the Dead

Holi

Passover

Christmas

Songkran

Hanukkah

O-Bon

Kwanzaa

Basant

Midsummer Day