



May Day Flowers

Student Reader Comprehension Game Cards

Grades 4-5



Objective

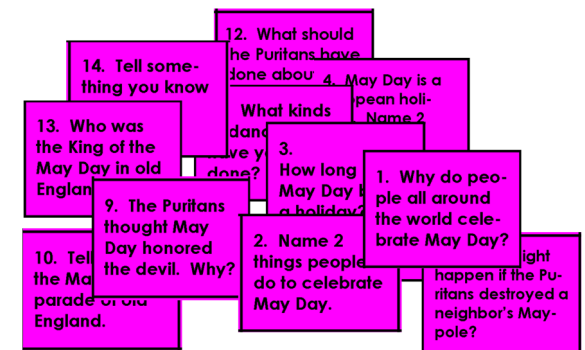
Students will read an article about the origins and events associated with May Day celebrations. They will complete an activity to help develop comprehension and/or bring the article "to life."

Preparation

1. Print pages 2-4 on cover stock or tag, single sided.
2. Laminate, trim, and place each set in a zipper bag, along with a die, and small manipulatives for markers. (Or you can use the flowers on page 4 as game markers. Use the image above to label the bag.)

Uses

- Place the "Student Reader Booklet May Day Celebrations" (file d1 or d2) at a center, or have the students read it as an assignment. Give the students the "Student Reader Comprehension Game Cards" to review or clarify information after reading. You could have the whole class play it at one time, or set it at your center for independent small group use.
- Pass the cards out to small groups, and have them quiz each other.
- Pass the cards out to small groups, and have them locate the answers in the text.
- Play a class discussion game using the question cards.



1. Why do people all around the world celebrate May Day?



2. Name 2 things people do to celebrate May Day.



3. How long has May Day been a holiday?



4. May Day is a European holiday. Name 2 European countries.



5. Where did the people of old England get a Maypole?



6. Who was the Queen of the May Day in England?



7. What did the May Queen do during the celebration?



8. Who is Jack O' the Green?



9. The Puritans thought May Day honored the devil. Why?



10. Tell about the May Day parade of old England.



11. What might happen if the Puritans destroyed a neighbor's Maypole?



12. What should the Puritans have done about May Day holidays?



13. Who was the King of the May Day in old England?



14. Tell something you know about Robin Hood.







15. What kinds of dancing have you done?



16. How did the villagers get ready for May Day?



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| 17. What kind of person would the May Day Queen be?  | 18. Has someone ever ruined your party?  | 19. Which May Day parade character would you like to be?  | 20. In old England, how did they get flowers to the top of a 20-60 foot tall Maypole?  |
| 21. What do you think are some good May Day games?  | 22. What is the most important event in a May Day party?  | 23. How do the Maypole ribbons become braided together?  | 24. How many rows of Maypole dancers are needed?  |
| 25. Why is May Day more popular in Europe than in the US?  | 26. Name 2 ways May Day is celebrated today.  | 27. Why would children bring flowers to their neighbors?  | 28. What would you wish for at a wishing well?  |
| 29. What is your favorite kind of flower? Why?  | 30. Did anyone ever give you flowers? How did you feel?  | 31. How do Maypole dancers get the streamers undone?  | 32. On what day is May Day celebrated?  |

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Answers and Markers

Merry Month of May

Answers—Comprehension Game Cards



1. They are tired of winter.
2. Any 2—sports, games, dance, music, collect & decorate with flowers, dress up, etc.
3. hundreds of years
4. England, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Belgium, etc.
5. They cut the branches off a live tree.
6. Maid Marion
7. She walked in the parade, and gave prizes to winners.
8. He was the leader of the parade, dressed all in green and covered in flowers.
9. Accept any reasonable answer.
10. It had characters, dancers, carts loaded with flowers, dropped flowers at each house, etc.
11. Accept any reasonable answer.
12. Accept any reasonable answer.
13. Robin Hood
14. Accept any reasonable answer.
15. Accept any reasonable answer.
16. Collected flowers and greenery from the forest, set up a Maypole, prepared games, and food, etc.
17. Accept any reasonable answer.
18. Accept any reasonable answer.
19. Accept any reasonable answer.
20. Accept any reasonable answer.
21. Accept any reasonable answer.
22. Accept any reasonable answer.
23. The dancers move in, out, and around each other to form different kinds of weavings.
24. A Maypole dance needs 2 rows of dancers.
25. The Puritans outlawed the holiday.
26. Dancing, giving flowers, wishing, etc.
27. Accept any reasonable answer.
28. Accept any reasonable answer.
29. Accept any reasonable answer.
30. Accept any reasonable answer.
31. They reverse the dance.
32. May 1

