

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

As Easter rolls around, you may be looking for a fun resource to teach your class about the holiday. If this is so, I got you covered! This WebQuest for middle schoolers is great to help them learn about Easter symbols and traditions. I hope you find it useful! Don't miss out!

Contents

- PDF/VIDEO with the explanation of these Easter symbols: the word "Easter", eggs, rabbits, chicks, lilies, and bonfires.
- Webquest, handout for students
- Answer key



EASTER SYMBOLS WEBQUEST

You can use the following web pages to find the information

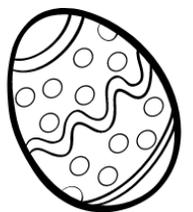
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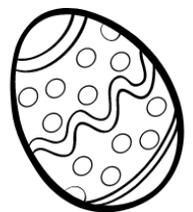
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2. What did early Christians associate eggs with?
3. What is lent? How long does it last?
4. Why were eggs dyed red?
5. What did many Ancient cultures view eggs as?
6. What did Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believe?
7. Where did the egg-rolling tradition come from?
8. What do rabbits represent?
9. What do bonfires on Easter represent?
10. Which countries celebrate by the lighting of bonfires on Easter?

Easter around the world

Choose one of the countries below and find some information on how they celebrate Easter. Make a poster or infographic. Share your findings with your classmates!

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EASTER SYMBOLS WEBQUEST ANSWER KEY

1. Historians have traced the origin of the word Easter to the Scandinavian word 'Ostra' and the Germanic 'Ostern' or 'Eastre'. Both of these derive from the mythological goddesses of spring and fertility.
2. Eggs were associated with New life.
3. Lent is a time for reflection and penance. It is the period before Easter Sunday and lasts for 40 days.
4. They were dyed red to symbolize Jesus' blood.
5. They viewed eggs as a symbol of life.
6. They believed that the world started as an enormous egg.
7. It came from England (as a reminder of the stone being rolled away).
8. They represent fertility.
9. They were meant to dispel the darkness of winter and welcome spring.
10. Germany & Belgium.

