



# NJSACC

National Monthly Celebrations

# Resource Guide



# NJSACC’s National Monthly Celebrations

NJSACC: The Statewide Network for New Jersey’s Afterschool Communities advocates for the implementation of the New Jersey Quality Standards for Afterschool and promotes and supports the development, continuity, and expansion of out-of-school time programs.

NJSACC staff have taken full advantage of this opportunity to curate and compile a list of top resources that support teaching and sharing various cultural celebrations with the youth you serve.

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# National African American History Month (also known as Black History Month)



National African American History Month in February celebrates the contributions African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history.

- [20 Pertinent Classroom Resources For Black History Month](#)
- [A-Z List of Black Inventors: Share an Inventor a Day in your Afterschool Program](#)
- [Black History 2021–Unsung Black Heroes: YouTube Series](#)
- [Mizzen Minute | February Activities | Celebrating Black History Month](#)
- [National Education Association Black History Month Lessons & Resources](#)
- [Resources for PreK-8 featuring Black History, Culture, and Experiences](#)
- [Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture- Education Resources](#)
- [Teaching Black History in Culturally Responsive Ways](#)

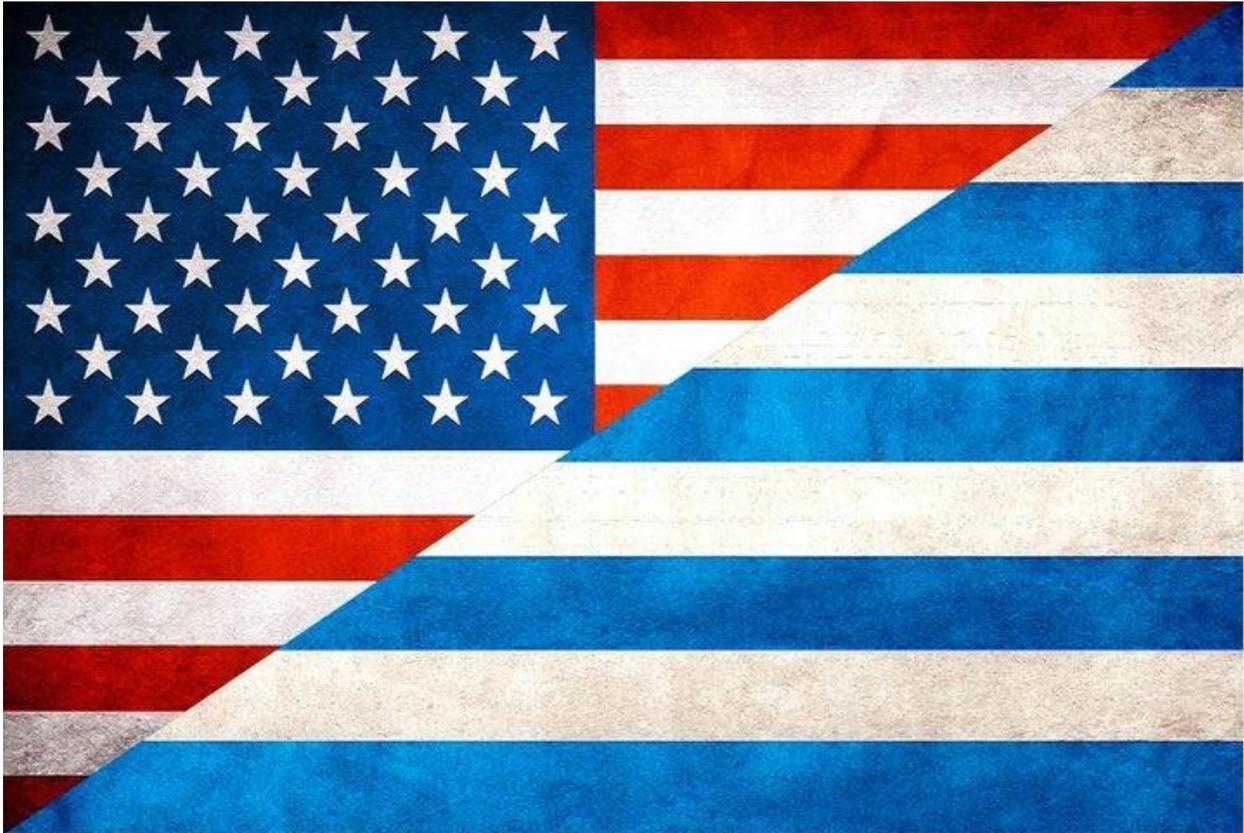
# Women's History Month



Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women throughout the history of the United States.

- [PBS Community Classroom](#)
- [Women Who Shape History: Education Resources](#)
- [Women Heroes](#)
- [9 Women From American History You Should Know, According to Historians](#)
- [Top Mighty Girl Books & Films on Women's History](#)
- [Forward Into the Future: Stories and Activities to Celebrate Women's History Month with Young Readers](#)
- [99 Books about Extraordinary Black Mighty Girls and Women](#)
- [Respect Her Crank! Sounds of Blackness](#)

# Greek American Heritage Month



NJSACC celebrates the culture, accomplishments, and experiences of Greek people during Greek American Heritage Month in March.

- [Ancient Greek Toys: All You Need To Know](#)
- [Kids Cooking Activities: Study Greek Cooking](#)
- [Lesson Plan: It Came From Greek Mythology \(6th-12th grades\)](#)
- [Teacher Planet's Mythology: Lessons, Worksheets and Activities](#)
- [Toronto District School Board's Greek American Heritage: Professional Library](#)

# Irish American Heritage Month



Irish American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions which Irish Americans have made to the United States.

- [The Library of Congress's Irish American Heritage](#)
- [The National Archives' Irish American Heritage](#)
- [The Smithsonian Institute's Irish American History and Heritage](#)
- [Take a Virtual Field Trip to Ireland \(and learn even more\)](#)

# Arab American Heritage Month



NJSACC celebrates the culture, accomplishments, and experiences of Arab American people during Arab American Heritage Month in April.

- [Arab American History](#)
- [Honoring 30 Influential Arab American Women](#)
- [National Arab American Heritage Month For Kids](#)

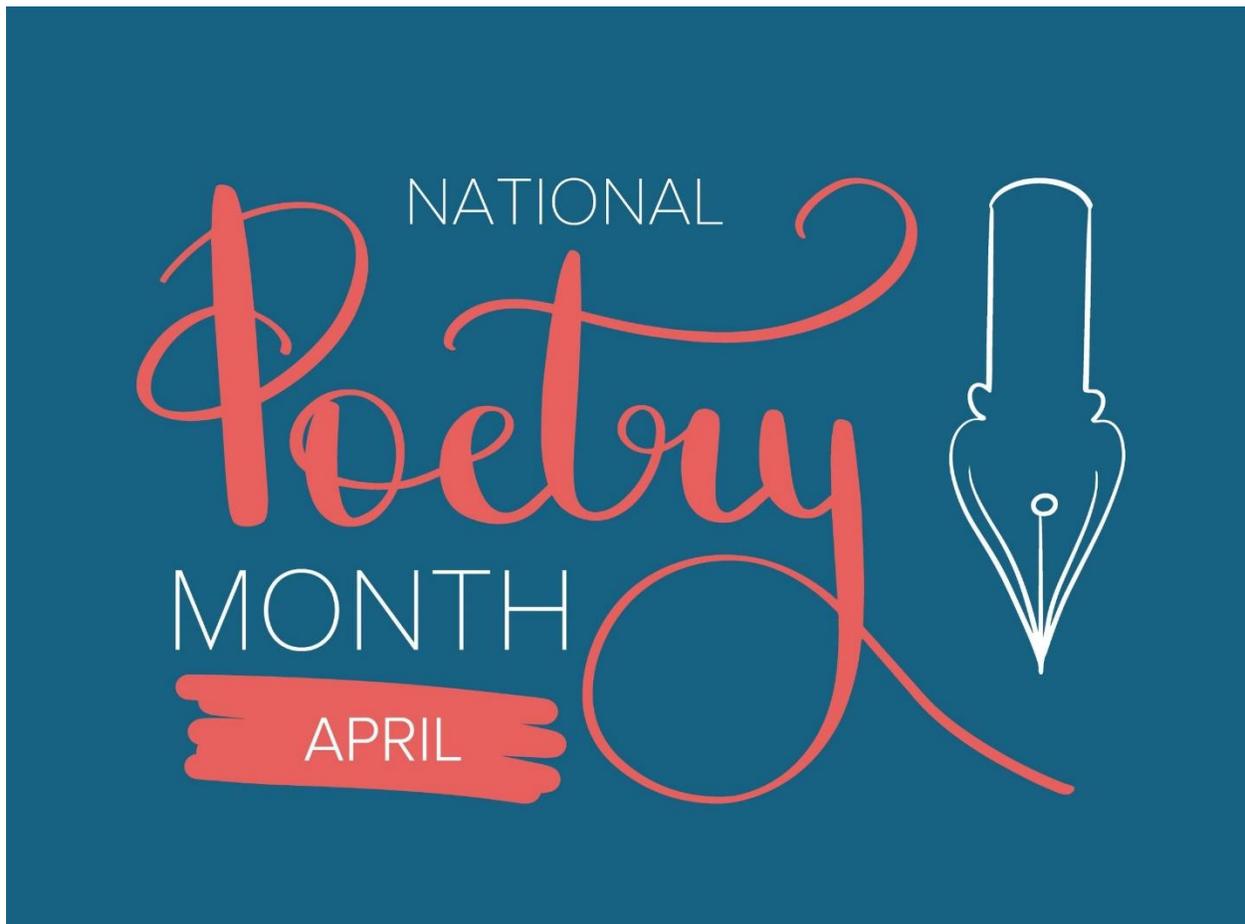
# Tartan (Scottish American) Heritage Month



From first patriots, presidents and industrialists, Scottish Americans contributed significantly to the establishment and development of the United States. NJSACC Celebrates Tartan (Scottish American) Heritage Month.

- [Book Week Scotland: Best Scottish Stories For Children](#)
- [Children's Films: Disney/Pixar's "Brave"](#)
- [Children's Films: Walt Disney's "Greyfriars Bobby"](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: Fabulous Facts about Scotland](#)
- [National Today: Scottish-American Heritage Month](#)
- [Teacher Vision: Scottish Heritage](#)

# National Poetry Month



Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month reminds the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and, of course, poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives. NJSACC honors all our nation's wonderful poets, from the diversity of America's culture.

- [About National Poetry Month](#)
- [The Academy of American Poets Announces Virtual Programs for the 25th Anniversary of National Poetry Month](#)
- [Turn Your Students into Published Authors!](#)

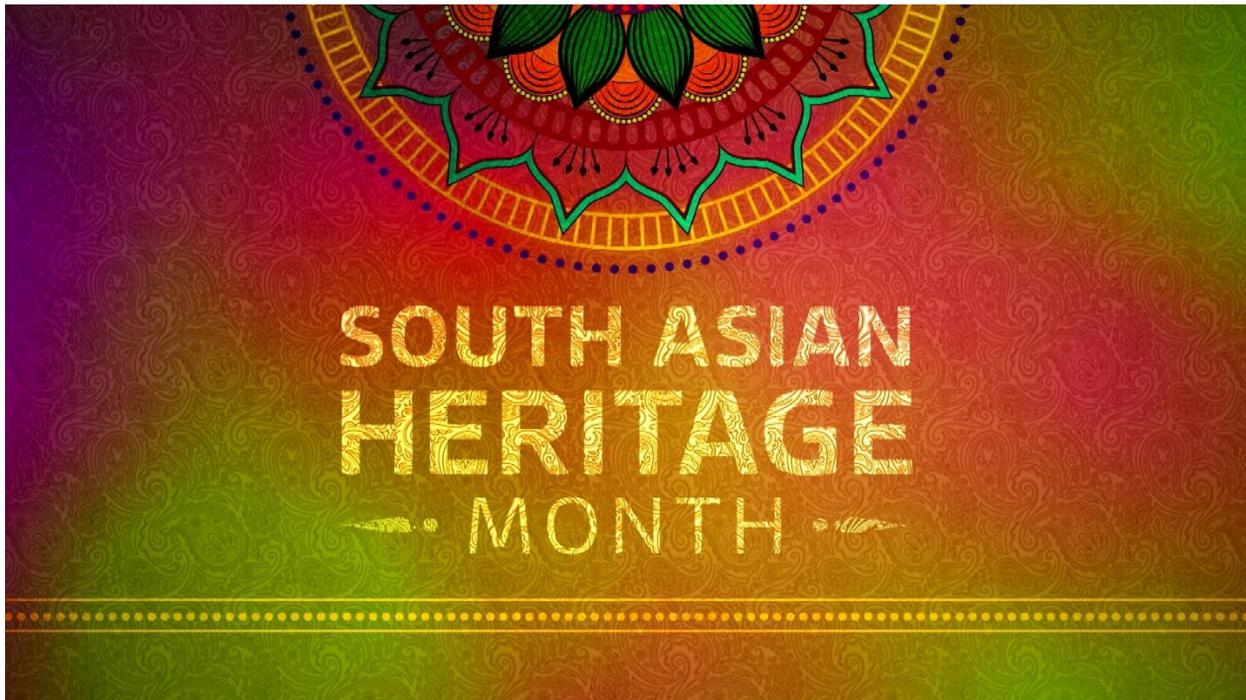
# Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Asian/Pacific Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [20 Asian American and Pacific Islander Women to Know](#)
- [Anti-racism resources to support Asian American, Pacific Islander community](#)
- [Children's eBook Titles – Asian American and Pacific Islanders](#)
- [National Today's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Resources](#)
- [Scholastic News: Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
- [Top Asian Pacific American Mighty Girl Books](#)

# South Asian Heritage Month



South Asian Heritage Month celebrates the contributions South Asian Americans have made to American history, society and culture.

- [12 Ways to Enrich Kids' Appreciation of Asian-Pacific American Culture](#)
- [15 Children's Books for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
- [Celebrating South Asian American Women's Stories](#)
- [Ontario Canada's Asian and South Asian Heritage Month Resources](#)
- [Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Learning Center](#)

# Jewish American Heritage Month



Jewish American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Jewish Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [12 Jewish American Influential women](#)
- [Anti-Defamation League's Jewish American Heritage Month Resources](#)
- [Books for Children: ADL's Books Matter series](#)
- [Books for Children: Shel Silverstein](#)
- [Jewish American Heritage Month for Teachers](#)
- [The National Museum of American Jewish History's Virtual Museum](#)
- [NMAJH in a Minute - Gertrude Elion](#)

# Haitian Heritage Month



Haitian Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Haitian Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [7 Inspiring Children's Books about Haiti](#)
- [Haitian Arts Podcast Series](#)
- [Haitian Heritage Month: Resources for Celebrating](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: All About Haiti](#)

# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month celebrates the contributions Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [15 Books on LGBTQ History for Kids](#)
- [Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice](#)
- [Celebrating LGBTQ History Month: Free Lesson Plans, Resources and Activities](#)
- [Free Mom Hugs Team: Latest news and Information](#)
- [GLSEN's LGBTQ Pride Month Guide for Educators](#)
- [June is Rainbow Book Month](#)
- [LGBT History Month: Icons List](#)
- [Library of Congress](#)
- [Youth.gov LGBT Pride Month](#)

# Caribbean American Heritage Month



Caribbean American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Caribbean Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [19 Books to Celebrate Caribbean American Heritage](#)
- [20 Books To Celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month](#)
- [Caribbean American Heritage Month: Instructional Resource Guide](#)
- [Caribbean Games](#)
- [History of Caribbean American Heritage](#)

# Juneteenth



Juneteenth (short for “June Nineteenth”) marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people were freed. The troops’ arrival came a full 2 ½ years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

- [Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Designating Juneteenth as a State and Public Holiday](#)
- [Juneteenth Discoveries](#)
- [Juneteenth.com Resources](#)
- [kidskonnnect’s Juneteenth Facts and Worksheets For Kids](#)
- [Learning for Justice, formerly known as Teaching Tolerance: Celebrate Juneteenth!](#)
- [National Geographic Kids: Celebrating Juneteenth](#)
- [NYC Department of Education’s Juneteenth Resources](#)
- [So, You Want to Learn About Juneteenth? \(NYTimes.com article\)](#)
- [The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth \(National Museum of African American History and Culture\)](#)

# Fourth of July (Independence Day)



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations go back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

- [18 Crafts and Activities for the Fourth Of July](#)
- [Children's Books for the Fourth of July](#)
- [Education World's Fourth of July: A Day to Remember](#)
- [History of the Fourth of July](#)
- [Red, White, and Blue Learning: Seven Resources for Independence Day](#)
- [Teacher Vision's Fourth of July – Teacher Resources](#)
- [The Teacher's Corner: Fourth of July Activities and Lesson Plans](#)

# French American Heritage Month



French American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions French Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [Bastille Day Activities for Kids](#)
- [France Lesson for Kids: History & Facts](#)
- [France Lesson Plan for Elementary School](#)
- [French Art Activities for Kids](#)
- [The French American Cultural Foundation's History and Resources](#)

# Muslim American Heritage Month



Muslim American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Muslim Americans have made to American history, society, and culture.

- [Muslim American Heritage Month Book for Adult, Kids and Teens](#)
- [Reps. Bass, Carson, Omar, Talib Introduce Muslim American Heritage Month Resolution](#)

# National Hispanic Heritage Month



National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American society and culture and to honor five of our Central American neighbors who celebrate their Independence days in September.

- [4 Crafts for National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [10 Inspiring Latinas Who've Made History](#)
- [A Month of Ideas for Celebrating Hispanic Heritage](#)
- [El Museo del Barrio's Educator Resources](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for Kids: Celebrating Latino Culture with Our Children!](#)
- [NEA Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [What Is Hispanic Heritage Month—and Who Celebrates It?](#)

# German American Heritage Month



German American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions German Americans have made to American society and culture.

- [12 German Women Who Influenced the World](#)
- [15 Christmas Traditions Only Germans Will Understand](#)
- [Germany: Interesting Facts for Kids](#)
- [National German American Day](#)
- [Visit a Real German Fairy Tale Castle](#)
- [What is German-American Day? A Celebration of German Contributions to America](#)

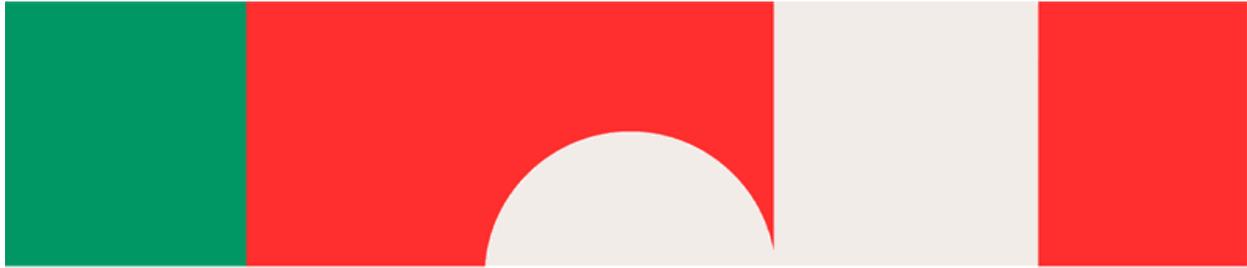
# Filipino American Heritage Month



Filipino American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Filipinos have made to American society and culture.

- [9 Ways To Celebrate Filipino American History Month](#)
- [10+ Picture Book Recommendations to Celebrate Filipino American History Month](#)
- [Filipino American National Historical Society's Filipino Educational Resources and Activities](#)
- [Fil-Am Learners: A Taglish Discovery Of Our Cultural Roots](#)
- [Why Filipino American History Month is celebrated in October](#)

# Italian American Heritage Month



## Italian American Heritage Month



Italian American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Italian Americans have made to American society and culture.

- [5 Picture Books to Celebrate Italian American Heritage Month](#)
- [Dive into Diversity: Italian American Heritage Month!](#)
- [Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Resources \(K-12\)](#)
- [New York Public Library's Italian American Heritage Month Resources](#)
- [NJ Italian Heritage Commission's Italian Heritage Curriculum \(K-5\)](#)
- [Peanut Butter Fish Lessons: Learn About Italy In Your Homeschool](#)

# Native American Heritage Month



Native American Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Native Americans have made to American society and culture.

- [2021 Native American Heritage Month Toolkit](#)
- [Celebrate Native American Heritage](#)
- [Honoring Native American Heritage Month with Kids](#)
- [Lenape Indians Links and Resources for Grades K-4](#)
- [Lenape Lifeways Videos by historian John Kraft](#)
- [Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Living Nations, Living Words Educator Guide](#)
- [Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation NJ](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian Lesson Plans](#)
- [Native American Heritage Month Teacher Resources](#)
- [Storytime Channel for Kids: We Are Water Protectors](#)
- [The word Indigenous - explained | CBC Kids News](#)
- [Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgment | Indigenous Services | Calgary Public Library](#)
- [Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces](#)

# Hanukkah



Chanukah, celebrated for eight days in December, is the Jewish religious holiday, and wintertime “festival of lights,” with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and cultural foods.

- [11 Hanukkah Classroom Games and Activities for Elementary Students](#)
- [Incredible Books About Hanukkah](#)
- [Teacher Planet’s Hanukkah Lessons, Worksheets and Activities](#)
- [TeacherVision’s Hanukkah Resources](#)

# Christmas



Christmas is an annual holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25<sup>th</sup> as a religious and cultural celebration.

- [BBC's Christmas Resources](#)
- [Teacher Planet's Christmas Resources](#)
- [TeacherVision's Christmas Resources](#)
- [The Teacher's Corner: Christmas Activities and Lesson Plans](#)

# Kwanzaa



*Happy Kwanzaa*

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African American culture that is held from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually held on the 6th day.

- [A Guide to Teaching About Kwanzaa](#)
- [Celebrate Kwanzaa in the United States](#)
- [Teacher Planet's Kwanzaa Lessons, Worksheets and Activities](#)
- [TeacherVision's Kwanzaa Resources](#)