

CELEBRATING YOUR INNER DANE

EMBRACING OUR DANISH ROOTS AND TRADITIONS

Years ago Lori Olsen, a member of the Detroit Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America, set about the task of finding ideas to incorporate Danish culture and tradition in their meetings. Lori generously agreed to allow us to update this wonderful resource tool. We are happy to share this with you and we are grateful for the work Lori put into this document to continue helping us all find a “greater appreciation for the richness and joy” that our Danish heritage inspires. Mange Tak Lori!



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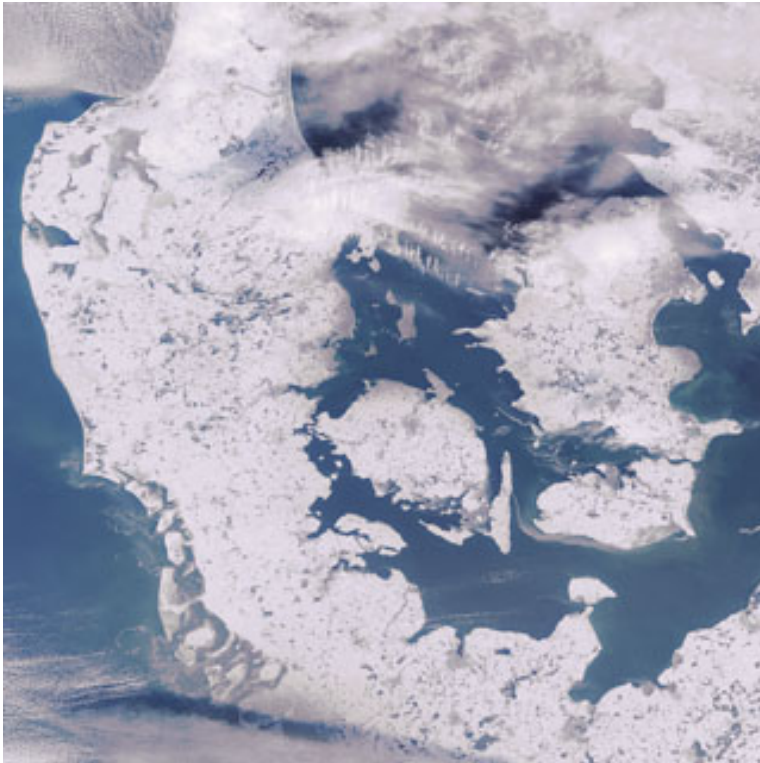
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JANUARY

The Clown Prince of Denmark



Great Danes:
Victor Borge

Background Information:

Born January 3, 1909 in Copenhagen

Died December 23, 2000 in Connecticut

Pianist, composer, songwriter, entertainer, actor

Activity:

1. Play Name That Dane. Have one member give clues using biographical materials found on links provided below until the others guess his identity.
2. Grab the popcorn and watch a Borge video together. There are pages of video clips on youtube to choose from.
3. For the adventurous, experiment with Borge's inflationary language routine using the "web inflator" found on the Kor.dk website below. Simply type in a local news story or political speech, push the button and voila! Now that's entertainment!

Resources:

www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/Victor_Borge.html

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor_Borge

www.Kor.dk/borge/

Blue Plate Special



Good To Know:
Royal Copenhagen

Background Information:

Known for their porcelain products, Royal Copenhagen was founded in Copenhagen on May 1, 1775.

Activity:

1. Have each participant bring a Christmas collectable plate and talk about the image on it.
2. Download photos of famous Danish landmarks and print 6-8 on a page. Cut apart to use like cards. Have each participant draw one card. Each person is then given a white paper plate and blue frosting to use in finger-painting their landmark on the plate. Take turns guessing which photo goes to which plate.

Resources:

<https://www.royalcopenhagen.com>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Copenhagen

Not Just For Sundays



Good To Know:
Danish Churches

Background Information:

For centuries the Lutheran Church was central to Danish life, though in recent times it seems to have taken a back seat. Still the churches of Denmark are a sight to behold. Church frescos are found in “some 600 churches” there and are considered “the highest concentration of surviving church murals anywhere in the world.”

Activity:

1. Study up of the history of the church in Denmark using the Wikipedia links below.
2. Take a virtual tour of the many beautiful historic and contemporary churches of Denmark using the wintermute link below.

Resources:

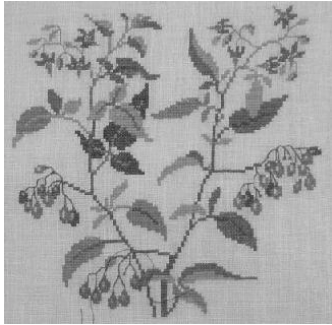
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_National_Church

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_frescos_in_Denmark

<http://wintermute212.tripod.com/Kirkealfa.htm>

From Ship To Shore

Keeping Us In Stitches



Good To Know:
Danish Embroidery

Background Information:

Danish cross stitch needlepoint and embroidery can be seen everywhere in Denmark. From bell pulls to table runners, pillows to wall décor, the art of embroidery is deeply woven into the tradition and culture.

Activity:

1. Have members bring samples of Danish handwork to share at the next meeting.
2. Gerda Bengtsson is a well-known designer of embroidery patterns and has written many books. Check the internet or your local library to see her familiar Danish patterns.
3. Choose a simple project and try your hand at embroidery. Projects could then be used as hospitality gifts or sold as bazaar or fundraiser items.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hardanger_embroidery
[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedebo_embroidery](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hedebo_embroidery)
<https://www.danish-handcraft-guild-uk.com>



Viking Adventures:
Ebeltoft

Background Information:

Ebeltoft is the home port for the ship Jylland. You're in the right spot if you would like to see the Rosenholm castle, the Thorsager round church or the Favergardeb museum.

Activity:

1. Learn more about Ebeltoft using the links provided below.
2. Take a virtual tour via the metacafe link.
3. Use the 360cities link for an amazing tour that you control. Clicking on arrows will take you to other interesting locations nearby.
4. Also located in Ebeltoft is the Glasmuseet. Use link below to see the latest in Danish glass design and watch a glass plate being created..

Resources:

<http://famouswonders.com/ebeltoft/>
<http://www.360cities.net/image/ebeltoft|denmark#8.57,0.00,15.0>
<http://www.glasmuseet.dk/en2010/glass-studio.html>

Danes Gone Wild



Good To Know: Danish Folk Dancing

Background Information:

Who doesn't like to kick their heels up once in a while. It's good for you!

Activity:

1. Listen to some folk music at the 'uni.edu' site.
2. Locate a Danish dance group near you to perform.
3. Learn a Danish folk dance.

Resources:

http://www.uni.edu/iowaonline/folklife_v2/danish.htm

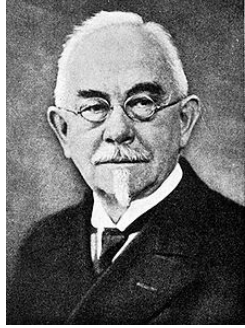
<http://lavigne.dk/oldfolkdance/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_folk_dance



FEBRUARY

Greatness Is Genetic



Great Danes:
Wilhelm Johannsen

Background Information:

Born February 3, 1857 in (Elsinore-Copenhagen?)

Died November 11, 1927 in Copenhagen

Pharmacist, botanist, plant physiologist and geneticist. Wilhelm Johannsen Center for Functional Genome Research is located in Copenhagen. Johannsen's *Elements of Heredity* (1909) became an influential text, and his terms *phenotype* and *genotype* are now a part of the language of genetics.

Activity:

1. Introduce Wilhelm using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. In honor to Wilhelm's work as a botanist, plant Snowdrop Bulbs in small pots. Participants can take these home to give away as gifts or transplant them into their gardens so that next year will find them blooming in time for Gaekkebreve.

Resources:

[HTTPS://embryo.asu.edu/pages/wilhelm-johannsen-genotype-phenotype-distinction](https://embryo.asu.edu/pages/wilhelm-johannsen-genotype-phenotype-distinction)

[Https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/wilhem_johannsen](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/wilhem_johannsen)

Viking Fashion Trends



Special Occasions:
Copenhagen Fashion Week

Background Information:

Copenhagen's Fashion Week began in 2006. It is held twice a year – in February and in August. It is one of the biggest events for the fashion and textile companies in Europe.

Activity:

1. View fashions by several Danish designers using the websites listed below.
2. Ask members to come wearing clothing from Denmark and have your own fashion show.
3. Give each person a large trash bag, scissors and tape to use in creating their own clothing design. Points given for uniqueness, style, wear-ability and audience response.

Resources:

www.copenhagenfashionweek.com

www.baumundpferdgarten.dk

Finding Your Inner Princess



Great Danes:
Prinsesse Mary

Background Information:

Born February 5, 1972

Born in Australia, Mary is the wife of Frederik, the Crown Prince of Denmark (heir to the throne). Together they have a number of royal children.

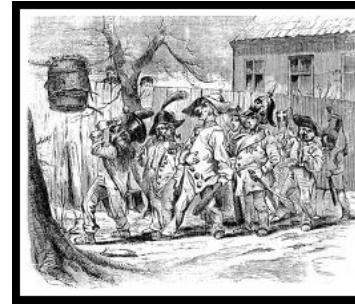
Activity:

1. Play Name That Dane using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. To celebrate her birthday, study up on "Princess Training" using the hellomagazine link below, then practice your skills while you have tea and Danish butter cookies. Don't be shy; even as a child your heart recognized your inner princess potential.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary,_Crown_Princess_of_Denmark
www.hellomagazine.com/healthandbeauty/201205077916/royal-etiquette-protocol-tips/

Killing The Cat



Special Occasions:
Fastelavn

Background Information:

Fastelavn is celebrated on the Sunday before Lent. Traditions include children dressing up in costumes (think Halloween), Fastelavnsbolle (buns filled with creme), decorated horses parade, fastelavnsris (a decorated branch), and sla katten af tonden (Cat in a Barrel). There is even a song for this holiday.

Activity:

1. Make or purchase fastelavnsbolle. A recipe may be found on one of the websites listed below.
2. Decorate branches to use as a centerpiece.
3. Learn the Fastelavn song using video on nordicspotlight website..
4. Play Cat in the Barrel.

Resources:

www.nordicspotlight.com/ns/index.php/arts-a-culture/84-how-to-be-danish
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/carnival_in_Denmark
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc9QHyDC_y8

What Came First – The Egg or the Swan?



Great Danes:
Arne Jacobsen

Background Information:

Born February 11, 1902 in Copenhagen

Died March 24, 1971 in Copenhagen

Architect, Designer, Known for Egg Chair and Swan Chair,
Designed the Aarhus City Hall and Soholm terraced houses

Activity:

1. Introduce Arne Jacobsen using materials from the websites provided below.
2. Present a slideshow of the amazing buildings and designs by Arne Jacobsen using photos from websites provided below.
3. Or watch the youtube video on the link below.

Resources:

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Arne_Jacobsen

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPiRH5W_Xg0

Melts In Your Mouth



Good To Know:
Danish Pastry

Background Information:

Danish pastry...so named because nobody does it better. Don't even think of using a butter substitute!

Activity:

1. Read up on Danish Pastries.
2. Make some Danish pastries together and put on the coffee because there's nothing better than a Danish pastry fresh from the oven.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_pastry](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_pastry)

[Https://www.scandiculture.org/blog/best-danish-pastries](https://www.scandiculture.org/blog/best-danish-pastries)

Vision Quest



MARCH



Great Danes:
Olafur Eliasson

Background Information:

Born in 1967 in Copenhagen Denmark, Olafur Eliasson creates interactive , large scale art and founded the Institue For Spatial Experiments.

Activity:

1. Read about this world famous Danish artist at the wiki link below.
2. You will find a list of his works with links to photos on the olafeliasson.net site.
3. There are also pages of video clips using Yahoo's video search. Choose a few to watch as a group and discuss your reactions.

Resources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olafur_Eliasson

<https://olafureliasson.net>

<https://www.theartstory.org/artist/eliasson-olafur/>

Paper Cuts Are Good



Special Occasions:
Gaekkebreve

Background Information:

Learn more about this special Danish Easter tradition.

Activity:

1. Read about the Danish Easter traditions and the craft of paper-cutting using the links below.
2. Try your hand at creating cards using the Danish paper cutting examples found in the links below.
3. Visit the Museum of Danish America for information on this and other cultural traditions.

Resources:

<https://www.scandinatiastandard.com/danish-easter-gaekkebreve-eggs-snaps-galore/>

<https://www.danishmuseum.org/danish-culture/celebrating-danish-easter/>

Small World



Special Occasions:
Copenhagen Puppet Festival

Background Information:

The world's oldest amusement park is Bakken. The park is located in Dyrehavsbakken (Deer Park Hill), where the clown character 'Pierrot' has been entertaining crowds since 1800. More recently it has been the place to go to see the annual Copenhagen Puppet Festival.

Activity:

1. There are several nice film clips on the websites listed below.
2. Have participants bring or borrow a variety of puppets (stick, hand, marionette...) to share. Prepare cards with Danish jokes, quotes or proverbs on them. Have each person draw a card and then have their puppet read it to the group.
3. Create a puppet with your children or grandchildren and then bring them in to share.
4. Create puppets of characters from an H.C. Andersen tale to use with your children, grandchildren, or to donate to a local preschool or library.

Resources:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmJduesN5zA

www.teacherhelp.org/puppets.htm

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/dyrehavsbakken

A Sleeping Giant



Good To Know:
Holger Danske

Background Information:

A character from a novel that became a legend. His statue is located in the Kronborg castle in Helsingor (Elsinore).

Activity:

1. Read about Holger Danske using the wiki sites below.
2. The Copenhagen website has beautiful photos that could be used for a presentation.
3. Read the story of Holger Danske written by Hans Christian Andersen.

Resources:

<http://www.copenhagpictures.dk/kronborg.html>

[Http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ogier_the_Dane](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ogier_the_Dane)

[Https://andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hershott/halgerDanske_e.html](https://andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hershott/halgerDanske_e.html)

Havarti Party



Good To Know:
Danish Cheeses

Background Information:

Danes love their cheese. It can be served as a snack, one course of a meal, lunch, or as dessert. Big fans of dairy in general, it is good to get to know your options.

Activity:

1. Have a cheese tasting party. Compare various Danish cheeses by aroma, texture and flavor. Crackers, fresh fruit, beverages and breath fresheners will only make this activity better.

Resources:

[Https://www.cheese professor.com/blog/7-great-danish-cheeses-you-should-know](https://www.cheese professor.com/blog/7-great-danish-cheeses-you-should-know)

[Https://cheeseorigin.com/popular-denmark-cheeses](https://cheeseorigin.com/popular-denmark-cheeses)

“It’s a Hyggelig Day in the Neighborhood”



Good To Know:
Hyggelig

APRIL

Background Information:

The ultimate in Danish hospitality. Creating a sense of warmth, comfort, relaxation and friendship.

Activity:

1. Read up on ‘hyggelig’ ideas online.
2. Plan a cozy evening with comfort foods, candles and friends.

Resources:

[HTTPS://hyggeinspired.com/2020/03/01/how-to-celebrate-national-hygge-day/](https://hyggeinspired.com/2020/03/01/how-to-celebrate-national-hygge-day/)



Hare Today Gone Tomorrow



Special Occasions:
Rabbit Hopping Championship

Background Information:

Think Rabbit Dressage. Begun in 1993, this event in Copenhagen has become unbelievably popular.

Activity:

1. There are plenty of video clips on the website below. Enjoy.
2. You might enjoy checking out the many rabbit characters made by the Danish company Maileg. If you are really clever you could try making one.

Resources:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2emqt0umxis>
www.kaninhop.dk

Just Kidding



Special Occasions:
April Fools Day

Background Information:

April Fool's Day is alive and well in Denmark. The picture above is listed on many websites as one of the greatest pranks of all time.

Activity:

1. Read some of the world's greatest hoaxes found on the website listed below. You may want to go through ahead of time to find the one's you like best as there are 100 listed there.

Resources:

www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool/index

The Tale Spinner



Great Danes:
Hans Christian Andersen

Background Information:

Born April 2, 1805 in Odense

Died April 4, 1875 in Copenhagen

Author of fairy tales, poetry, plays, novels and travel books.
Also known for paper cutting skills.

Activity:

1. Play Name That Dane using biographical information from the wiki website provided below.
2. See who can name the most Andersen stories.
3. Listen to Hans sing in Nyhavn on the youtube link.
4. Arrange to visit early childhood classrooms to share H.C. Andersen's stories by reading or donating a book.
5. For the very ambitious: The Hans Christian Andersen Challenge. Share the The Ugly Duckling story with a local classroom. Relate it to bullying. Have them write their own tales about a bullied character and how the problem was resolved. Give a date for entries to be turned in. With teachers, choose a winner. Winner could receive a prize and story printed in a local paper.

Resources:

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Christian_Andersen
www.Brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/h/hans_christian_andersen.html
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ1Mjb1_pjw

Build It and They Will Come



Great Danes:
Ole Kirk Christiansen

Background Information:

Born April 7, 1891 in Filskov

Died March 11, 1958

Carpenter, inventor of Legos The original Lego land is located in Billund, Jutland. It will bring out your inner child.

Activity:

1. Play Name That Dane using biographical materials found on the wiki website provided below.
2. Take a virtual tour of the Legoland park using the link below. There is a map there that allows you to click on features to see photos of the many sights there.

Resources:

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Ole_Kirk_Christiansen
www.legoland.dk/en/explore/
www.Legoeducation.us
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWMjf9eodAU>

The Uninvited Guest



Special Occasions:
Danmark's Besaettelse

Background Information:

On April 9, 1940 Germany invaded Denmark. This began the occupation that would last until May 5, 1945. To mark this day of mourning, each year the Danish flags are flown at half mast until 12:00. At that time they are raised to full mast to signify that they are a free country now.

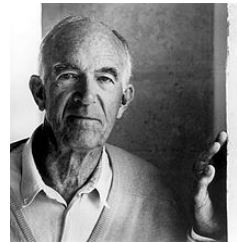
Activity:

1. Read The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark by Carmen Agra Deedy.
2. Encourage participants to read Number the Stars by Lois Lowry, (it is too long to read as a group), before coming so it may be discussed.

Resources:

www.milhist.dk/besattelsen/9april.html
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupation_of_Denmark
[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_invasion_of_Denmark_\(1940\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_invasion_of_Denmark_(1940))

Thinking Outside The Box



Great Danes:
Jorn Utzon

Background Information:

Born April 9, 1918 in Copenhagen

Died November 29, 2008 in Copenhagen

Architect who designed the Sydney Opera House in Australia, the Kingo Houses in Helsingor, the Utzon Center in Aalborg, and the Skagen Odde Nature Centre in Skagen
Also a shipbuilder

Activity:

1. Introduce Jorn Utzon using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Create a powerpoint of buildings he has designed and see how many Danes can identify them.
3. Watch a clip from the Sydney Opera House Light Show using the last link provided here.

Resources:

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/jorn_Utzon
[HTTPS://www.britanica.com/biography/Jorn-Utzon](https://www.britanica.com/biography/Jorn-Utzon)
<https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/our-story/jorn-utzon>

A Royal Gem



Great Danes:
Queen Margrethe II

Background Information:

Born April 16, 1940

Dronningens fødselsdag On the queen's birthday the royal family usually makes an appearance on the balcony of Amalienborg. This would be a good time to learn to curtsy and practice your pageant wave.

Activity:

1. Introduce Queen Margrethe II using biographical materials found on the website provided below.
2. Sport your best "queenly" attire, serve up the tea and prepare for a lovely time. At the website below you will meet the royal family; tour the royal palaces; study the royal lineage; and view the royal collections. Don't forget to practice your royal wave and practice saying "Det er så dejlig" (It is so lovely) while you watch.

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margrethe_II

Put It In Writing



Great Danes:
Karen Blixen

Background Information:

Born April 17, 1885 in Rungsted

Died September 7, 1962

Karen Blixen (pen name Isak Dinesen). Author of Out of Africa, and Babette's Feast

Activity:

- Name That Dane using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
- For the ambitious – prepare menu items from Babette's feast and enjoy their consumption.
- For those who fall between those cracks, have everyone bring an hors d'oeuvre to pass.

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karen_Blixen

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Babette%27s_Feast

<https://www.britanica.com/topic/Babettes-Feast-by-Dinesen>



A Quiet Night



Special Occasions:
Danmark's Befrielse

Background Information:

On May 5, 1945 the German forces surrendered. The Danes marked the occasion by taking the covers off their windows and placing candles there. This tradition has been done every year since in remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom.

Activity:

1. Light candles and have a moment of silence in remembrance of our homeland.
- 2.

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denmark_in_World_War_II

<https://en.natmus.dk/historical-knowledge/denmark/german-occupation-1940-1945/>

Just Thinking of You



Great Danes:
Søren Kierkegaard

Background Information:

Born May 5, 1813 in Copenhagen

Died November 11, 1855 in Copenhagen

Philosopher, theologian and religious author. Arguably the father of existentialism and modern psychology

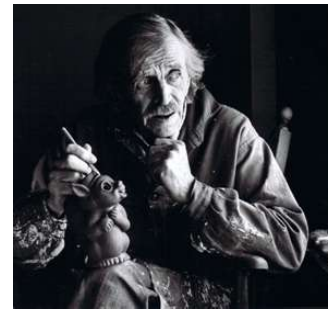
Activity:

1. Introduce Søren Kierkegaard using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Take turns choosing Kierkegaard quotes from the website below, and read it to the group using the most intellectual voice you can muster. Explain what you think Søren meant, and why you agree or disagree with him.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Søren_Kierkegaard
www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/s/søren_kierkegaard.html <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciBUpytbZG4&feature=fvst>

Where'd I Put That Dam Thing?



Great Danes:
Thomas Dam

Background Information:

Born May 15, 1915 in Limfjorden

Died November 12, 1989

Invented the Lucky Troll doll. Fisherman, bricklayer, baker and woodcutter. Troll Factory is in Gjol Denmark

Activity:

1. Introduce Thomas Dam using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Troll Bingo: participants create a 3x3 grid on paper. In each square write down a character you expect to see in the troll slide show. Then go to the damworld website and press the tab labeled 'troll pitures'. When you see a character you wrote, make an x on it. The first person to get 3 in a row and yell "Dam" wins.

Resource

www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3ZIfWGB0I8

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Dam



Great Danes:
Kronprins Frederik

Background Information:

Born May 26, 1968 in Copenhagen
Interested in climate change and sustainability.

Activity:

1. Play Name That Dane using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Watch the youtube video about the royal couple.
3. Learn about King Frederik using the links below.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederik_X](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederik_X)
[Https://www.britanica.com/biography/Frederik-X](https://www.britanica.com/biography/Frederik-X)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDIMqyxshkg>

Say A Little Prayer



Special Occasions:
Store Bededag
General Prayer Day

Background Information:

Celebrated on the 4th Friday after Easter. King Christian V introduced this holiday in 1686 to consolidate several smaller Christian holidays into one. Church bells ring the evening before Store Bededag. Because businesses would be closed for the holiday, it became a custom to eat varme hveder (warm buns) fresh from the bakery the night before. Many Danes find this a good time to walk along Langelinie or by Kastellet.

Activity:

1. Watch the youtube clip listed below for an animation of entering a typical Danish church and listening to the pipe organ.
2. A recipe for Varme Hveder can be found at the 'mydanish kitchen' website.
3. Take a virtual tour of Langelinje or Kastellet using the links below.

Resource:

[Www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBXY3Szym6Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBXY3Szym6Y)
www.mydanishkitchen.com
<http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk/langelinje.html>
<http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk/mermaid.html>

“Teak for Two”



Good To Know:
Danish Furniture

Background Information:

Sleek, contemporary...You just know it when you see it.

Activity:

1. Learn more about Danish modern at the wiki site below.

Resources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_modern



JUNE

Behaving Badly



Special Occasions:
Vikings Moot

Background Information:

Held in almost every region of Denmark at some time in the summer, this Viking Festival is a perfect excuse for adults to behave badly. Typically there are battle reenactments, craftsmen, and of course – beer.

Activity:

1. Throw a party and insist that everyone wear “Viking hats”. Just wearing it makes you want to grunt!

Resources:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNPOpVlugNc

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moesg%C3%A5rd_Viking_Moot

Speech! Speech!



Special Occasions:
Grundlovsdag
Constitution Day

Background Information:

June 5, 1849 was the day when the Danish Constitution was signed. To mark the occasion businesses are closed and there are usually political rallies, speeches and picnics to attend.

Activity:

1. Listen to or learn the Danish national anthem with assistance from ‘anthem’ website listed below. Music and lyrics in both Danish and English can be found there.
2. Drink beer and take turns speaking on why you like Denmark, or why you love the Danish Sisterhood.
3. Have a picnic. Don’t forget to bring your flags.

Resources:

www.nationalanthems.info/dk.htm

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_Day_\(Denmark\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitution_Day_(Denmark))

Great Adventures



Great Danes:
Knud Rasmussen

Background Information:

Born June 7, 1879 in Ilulissat, Greenland

Died December 21, 1933 in Copenhagen

Danish polar explorer and anthropologist

Known as the father of eskimology.

Activity:

1. Introduce Knud Rasmussen using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. The krh.dk website is lovely but you will need a Dane to translate...still the pictures are nice.
3. Knud collected stories of the Inuit peoples which were published in a book in 1921 under his name. The 'sacredtext' website below makes them available to you. Choose on and read it together.

Resources:

[Http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knud_Rasmussen](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knud_Rasmussen)

W[ww.krh.dk](http://www.krh.dk)

I Hear a Symphony



Great Danes:
Carl Nielsen

Background Information:

Born June 9, 1865 in Sortelung, south of Odense on the island of Funen

Died October 3, 1931

composer, conductor and violinist, also trumpet

Activity:

1. Introduce Carl Nielsen using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. The Wikipedia website includes a box that allows you to listen to his Wind Quintet Op. 43.
3. The youtube link will let you listen to a number of his symphonies. (He's really good).

Resources:

www.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Nielsen

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nahag7s2lOw&feature=results_main&playnext=1&list=PL6736835E3C77EC81

To Dannebrog!



Special Occasions:
Valdemarsdag

Background Information:

Valdemarsdag, (a.k.a. Day of Valdemar, Flag Day, Reunion Day) is celebrated on June 15. According to legend, during a battle in 1219 Valdemar was leading the troops and the things took a pivotal turn when the Dannebrog (flag) fell out of the sky. It has been the flag of Denmark ever since.

Activity:

1. Learn about the history of Valdemar and Dannebrog, the Danish flag.
2. Have everyone wear red and white in honor of our beautiful Dannebrog. Maybe eat some Danish Dessert with whipped cream as well.

Resources:

<https://denmark.dk/people-and-culture/dannebrog-800-years>
www.everything2.com/title/Dannebrog

By Fire's Light



Special Occasions:
Sankt Hans Aften

Background Information:

June 23 is the summer solstice and in Denmark it is a time to build a bonfire on the nearest beach, sing Vi Elsker Vort (We Love Our Country) as the sun goes down. It is also time to rid the place of witches by burning them in the fire (straw ones of course). Not sure what this has to do with John the Baptist but I am assured by Danes that there is some connection...maybe the water???

Activity:

1. Read up on the tradition using the websites listed below.
2. Make witches out of straw and other flammable materials.
3. Find a beach, build a bonfire...

Resources:

[HTTPS://scandification.com/what-is-sankthansaften-exploring-midsummer-in-denmark/](https://scandification.com/what-is-sankthansaften-exploring-midsummer-in-denmark/)
[Http://www.guide-collective.com/gc-magazine/eve-of-sankt-hans-danish-celebration](http://www.guide-collective.com/gc-magazine/eve-of-sankt-hans-danish-celebration)
[Http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB3hfe18Nw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB3hfe18Nw)

It's Party Time



JULY



Special Occasions:
Rebildfest

Background Information:

Although the 4th of July is the American Independence Day, one of the biggest parties is held in Aarhus set in the Rebild Hills. The park here was purchased by Max Henius and presented to the Danish Government. It was agreed that it would remain a park, open to the public and the permanent venue for the 4th of July celebration.

Activity:

1. Gather all the Danes and Americans you know and have a 4th of July Celebration of your own. Danish sandwiches and akavit are always advisable.
2. While we're talking about Rebild, this might be a good time to take a virtual tour of Aarhus using the link below.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebild_Festival](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebild_Festival)

[Https://rebildfesten.dk/en/](https://rebildfesten.dk/en/)

[Https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/rebild-national-park](https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/rebild-national-park)

Look, It's A Ship, It's A Strait...



Great Danes:
Vitus Bering

Background Information:

Baptized July 5, 1681 in Horsens

Died December 8, 1741 on Bering Island

Navigator

They say no man is an island. Well, some men are an island...and a strait, a sea, a glacier, a ship, a school and a bridge.

Activity:

1. Introduce Vitus Bering using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Since it is unlikely your group can go exploring, this may be a nice time to talk about your links to Denmark and how your family came to be in America.

Resources:

www.biographybase.com/biography/bering_vitus.html

King of the Seas



Great Danes:
Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller

Background Information:

Born July 13, 1913 in Hellerup

Died April 16, 2012 in Copenhagen

Danish shipping magnate, businessman and philanthropist. His father Arnold was founder of A.P.Moller-Maersk, the largest shipping company in the world. Maersk became a partner in the

Activity:

1. Introduce Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller Moller using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Maersk was known for his philanthropic endeavors. Use websites below to discover ten great things Moller contributed to Denmark through the Moller Foundation.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A6rsk_McKinney_M%C2%B8ller](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/M%C3%A6rsk_McKinney_M%C2%B8ller)

Gone Fishing



Viking Adventures: Dragor

Background Information:

A small fishing village on the southeastern side of Amagar.

Activity:

1. Use the Copenhagen link below and take a quick tour of Dragor.
2. In the spirit of this quaint fishing village, have a herring tasting with a variety of prepared herring on buttered rye. (Pickled, creamed, mustard, smoked, curried...). Go big and slosh it done with a glass of Akavit.

Resources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drag%C3%B8r,_Denmark
<https://www.visitdragor.com>

Some Like It Hot



Special Occasions: Aarhus International Jazz Festival

Background Information:

There is a long historic connection between Jazz and Denmark. I can't begin to explain, but the website below does it brilliantly. There are Jazz festivals all over Denmark, not just in Aarhus.

Activity:

1. Introduce the history of Danish Jazz using material found in the website listed below.
2. Go to Yahoo, type in Danish Jazz and punch the video tab. There are endless opportunities there to hear what it's about.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danish_jazz

Wisdom of the Danes



Good To Know: Danish Sayings and Idioms

Background Information:

Every culture has its own endearing phrases and rules to live by. Here is a chance to test your knowledge and familiarity with some of the better known expressions from Denmark.

Activity:

1. Go to the 'ucl' link below and see how well you understand Danish idioms using the matching quiz found there.
2. Using the 'inspirational' link, copy half of each proverbs onto one card, and the other half onto a separate card. Work as teams to try to put the halves back together.

Resources:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/atlas/danish/idiom_new.htm

<http://www.inspirationalquotes4u.com/danishproverbs/index.html>



AUGUST

Go Modern



Special Occasions:
Copenhagen Design Week

Background Information:

Activity:

1. Go to the Copenhagen design website and browse through the tabs (architecture, design zone, design to improve life, furniture and interiors, and society challenges). This may be more of a solo activity than a group one.
2. Locate an IKEA or furniture store nearby that carries Danish style furniture and arrange for a tour. If they are knowledgeable they may be able to explain the distinguishing features of Scandinavian design.

Resources:

www.copenhagendesignweek.com
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/danish_design

Metal Magic



Great Danes:
Georg Jensen

Background Information:

Born August 31, 1866 in Radvad

Died October 2, 1935

Silversmith, designer of flatware and jewelry

Activity:

1. Play Name That Danes using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Create a powerpoint slideshow using pictures downloaded from the web. Hint: Try typing 'vintage works by Georg Jensen' using yahoo 'images' tab, or go to ebay.
3. Give each participant a piece of aluminum foil and have them create a piece of "jewelry" from it. Have a fashion show of the designs. Look at samples of Georg Jensen's work, then decide who among you created a piece of jewelry that looks most like a Jensen design.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg_Jensen](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg_Jensen)

A Real Viking Would Know!



Good To Know:
Ships of Denmark

Background Information:

We are Vikings, surrounded by water, we have a history of sailing and as a Dane of good standing – you should be familiar with the better known ships in these parts.

Activity:

1. Create a powerpoint of famous Danish ships, (Hjeilen, ancient Viking Ship Museum, Knud Olsen's OK Dingy, Maerst shipping line, fishing industry, Dannebrog royal yacht, Danmark, Danish Hospital Ship Jutlandia, The Danmark, Number the stars fishing boat, Votive ship Unity). Points for each ship you can identify.
2. Check out Trelleborg, an excavated Viking village.
3. Take a virtual sail on a Viking ship at the vikingskibsmuseet link here.

Resources:

http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk/vik_skib.html
<http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk/trlborg.html>
<http://webtv.vikingskibsmuseet.dk/indexuk.aspx?poditemid=1371&agsid=642&soegeord=>

This Is Outstanding!



Good To Know:
Statues and Fountains

Background Information:

Denmark is full of commemorative and decorative outdoor art. Great statues and fountains can be found throughout Denmark and they teach us a bit about who we are and what we value.

Activity:

1. Download photos of well known statues, fountains or sculptures from Denmark. Cut and paste images to create cards. Participants pick a card and try to duplicate the statue...using Play-doh. When everyone has finished, the cards are shuffled and spread out in front of the "statues". Players must try to guess which statue belongs with each picture.

Resources:

Go to yahoo images and query: "statues of Denmark", "sculptures in Denmark", or "fountains of Denmark"

Men of the Sea



Viking Adventures:
Esbjerg

Background Information:

Home to the largest fishing harbour in Denmark. Locals say, "Esbjerg doesn't smell like fish, it smells like money." We can all agree there is a focus on the sea here, from The Fishing and Seafaring Museum, The Lightship Museum to the fish oil companies, there is something fishy about this place.

Activity:

1. Use the websites below to learn more about Esbjerg.
2. Take a virtual tour using the video link.
3. A good time for having fiskeboller soup or perhaps some salmon frikadeller.

Resources:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esbjerg>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE09UpOdJgA>

Decisions, Decisions



Good To Know:
Smørrebrød

Background Information:

Who doesn't love a Danish sandwich?

Activity:

1. Study up on the amazing Danish open-faced sandwiches. No one wants to be shamed for not realizing which meat goes with which bread, how thick the butter should be or whether red cabbage goes with beef. (It doesn't).
2. Make and eat Danish sandwiches. Loosen your belt and eat some more.

Resources:

<http://www.npr.org/2011/01/04/132627711/the-art-of-the-danish-open-face-sandwich>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JoOKo5BqUo>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJbMtBoe2kI>
<http://www.nileguide.com/destination/blog/copenhagen/2010/08/23/creating-the-perfect-danish-open-sandwich/>

SEPTEMBER



Skoal!



Great Danes:
Jacob Christian Jacobsen

Background Information:

Born September 2, 1811 in Syddanmark Region

Died April 30, 1887

Industrialist and philanthropist, founded Carlsberg Brewery where the concept of pH was developed as well as advances in protein chemistry.

Activity:

1. Introduce Jacob Christian Jacobsen using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Have a beer tasting party. Learn some Danish toasts or drinking songs.
3. Take a virtual tour with the youtube link below.

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._C._Jacobsen

[Http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vj8PV0HWz0s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vj8PV0HWz0s)

Built On a Rock



Great Danes:
Nikolai Frederik S. Grundtvig

Background Information:

Born September 8, 1783 in Udby, Sjaelland

Died September 2, 1872 in Copenhagen

Trained theologian, pastor, bishop, hymn writer, historian, poet, politician and patriot.

First sermon: "Why has the Lord's Word disappeared from His House?" In it, he announced that the Word of God had departed from its house in the Danish church. He went on to charge that secularism had corrupted the church by making human beings so proud that they felt they could discover the truth without the aid of Holy Scripture. Built on a Rock is probably the most well known of the 1,000 hymns he wrote.

Activity:

1. Sing a few of the hymns Grundtvig wrote.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/N._F._S._Grundtvig](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/N._F._S._Grundtvig)

<https://www.britanica.com/biography/N-F-S-Grundtvig>

A Man With a Bright Idea



Great Danes:
Poul Henningsen

Background Information:

Born September 9, 1894 in Ordrup

Died January 31, 1967

Known for artichoke ph lamp and others.

Activity:

1. Introduce Poul Henningsen using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Going with that artichoke theme, try your hand at folding cloth or paper napkins into an artichoke shape using demonstration found on the youtube website listed below.

Resources:

[Http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poul_Henningsen](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poul_Henningsen)

[Http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHzhqLJ55AI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHzhqLJ55AI)

[Https://www.moma.org/artists/7261-poul-henningsen](https://www.moma.org/artists/7261-poul-henningsen)

I Know It When I See It



Great Danes:
Bjorn Wiinblad

Background Information:

Born September 20, 1918 in Copenhagen

Died June 8, 2006

Typesetter, painter, illustrator, designer and artist in ceramics, porcelain, glass, silver, bronze, textiles and graphics

Activity:

1. Introduce Bjorn Winnblad using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Wiinblad's faces are so distinctive, so get out your pens and markers and let's see who can best capture the feeling of Bjorn's art on paper.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B8rn_Wiinblad](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bj%C3%B8rn_Wiinblad)

[Https://www.rosendahl.com/en/Intl/bjoern-wiinblad/stories/about-bjorn-wiinblad](https://www.rosendahl.com/en/Intl/bjoern-wiinblad/stories/about-bjorn-wiinblad)

Who Knew?



Great Danes:
Ole Romer

Background Information:

Born September 25, 1644 in Arhus

Died September 19, 1710 in Copenhagen

astronomer measured the speed of light

Activity:

1. Introduce Ole Romer using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Weather permitting, have an evening under the stars.

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ole_R%C3%B8mer

[Https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ole-Romer](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ole-Romer)

Danish Gold



Good To Know:
Amber Jewelry

Background Information:

Thought to having healing powers, amber has been a part of Danish culture and jewelry.

Activity:

1. Use the links below to learn more about amber.
2. Watch the video and meet a Danish amber jewelry designer.
3. Have all the members wear their amber jewelry.

Resources:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwSjA3O6j1I>
[Http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs_Xh6F9Ac4&feature=results_video&playnext=1&list=PL0110F51B724D181B](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs_Xh6F9Ac4&feature=results_video&playnext=1&list=PL0110F51B724D181B)



OCTOBER

What A Bohr



Great Danes:
Niels Bohr

Background Information:

Born October 7, 1885 in Copenhagen

Died November 18, 1962 in Copenhagen

Physicist published explanation of atomic structure

Activity:

1. Introduce Niels Bohr using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. I just don't know!

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Niels_Bohr

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZHxoAbZ6yA&feature=topics>

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/n/niels_bohr.html

Stork Realities



Good To Know:
Storks

Background Information:

Once considered the national bird of Denmark, it's numbers have dwindled in recent years.

Activity:

1. Learn about the significance of Storks in Denmark.
2. Read

Resources:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_birds_of_Denmark

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVkJ1b4uFUI

https://andersen.sdu.dk/vaerk/hersholt/TheStorks_e.html

City Of Smiles



Viking Adventures: Aarhus

Background Information:

Aarhus is the second largest city in Denmark and one of the oldest (770 AD). Tourists come here to see the International Jazz Festival, Den Gamle By and a near-by deer park. Other popular spots include ARos Aarhus Kunstmuseum, a university, a Viking museum and the Moesgaard Museum.

Activity:

1. Read about Aarhus using the wiki link below.
2. If you are planning a trip to Denmark use the Visit Denmark site to have the best experience in Aarhus

Resources:

<http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aarhus>
<https://www.visitdenmark.com/denmark/destination/jutland/aarhus>

There Once Was A Poet From Viborg...



Great Danes: Steen Steensen Blicher

Background Information:

Born Oct. 11, 1782 in Vium near Viborg

Died March 26, 1848 in Spentrup.

Teacher, tenant farmer, parson; A writer and poet. Many poems were later put to music. Tried to organize an annual feast at Himmelbjerg.

Activity:

1. Introduce Steen Blicher using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. Listen to some of his words put to music on the youtube websites listed below. (Once there you will find many recordings).

Resource:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steen_Steensen_Blicher
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukjGBN5ZxoM>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooAxFabVhNc&feature=related>

Heaven's Mountain



Viking Adventures: Himmelbjerg

Background Information:

In the town Gl. Laven, (between Silkeborg and Ry). The name means "Heaven Mountains". There is now an argument that there are several other spots that are higher than Himmelbjerg. A good place to go hiking, or go up in the 82 foot high observation tower (built in 1875) and enjoy the scenery.

Activity:

1. Read about Himmelbjerg and the surrounding forest using links provided below.
2. Take turns standing on a ladder to see the sights...Just kidding. But you might consider taking a short hike through your local nature center and enjoy the sights and scents of autumn.
3. For virtual mountain climbing at Himmelbjerg use the youtube link below.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himmelbjerg](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himmelbjerg)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_k7pH00u5Ts

Who Doesn't Love A Man In Uniform?



Good To Know: Amalienborg and the Royal Guard

Activity:

1. Learn more about the Royal Guard using links provided.
2. Make Royal Guard ornaments using clothespins, black pompoms, and craft paint.

Resources:

<http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk/amalborg.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amalienborg_Palace



NOVEMBER

That Looks So Familiar



Great Danes:
Bertel Thorvaldsen

Background Information:

Born November 19, 1770 in Copenhagen

Died March 24, 1844 in Copenhagen

Sculptor. Provided the money for constructing the museum in Copenhagen to store his work.

Activity:

1. Introduce Bertel Thorvaldsen using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
2. See a video of his art using youtube link.

Resources:

[HTTPS://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertel_Thorvaldsen](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertel_Thorvaldsen)

[Https://www.britannica.com/biography/Bertel-Thorvaldsen](https://www.britannica.com/biography/Bertel-Thorvaldsen)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlo1KxhVtuw>

You Butter Love Me



Good To Know: Danish Butter Cookies

Background Information:

Who are we kidding? You can't cook Danish food without butter. We even have a special word for the butter we lay so thickly on bread – tandsmor. The literal translation is 'tooth-butter' because it is thick enough to leave tooth marks on it when you take a bite. So embrace your inner Dane and celebrate the world famous Danish butter cookie.

Activity:

1. Read about the butter tax and rescue butter for Norway using the links below.
2. Make Danish butter cookies using a recipe from the Danish Sisterhood cookbook and eat them.
3. Call up a local Norwegian or Swedish women's group and challenge them to a cookie competition. Winners take all (leftover cookies).

Resources:

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2011/10/03/141014592/denmark-taxes-butter-and-fat-but-will-it-work>
<http://www.dietdoctor.com/emergency-butter-aid-denmark-rescues-norwegian-Christmas>

Old Folks Homes



Viking Adventures: Den Gamle By

Background Information:

Located in Aarhus, Den Gamle By is an open air museum; a collection of historical buildings laid out like a village.

Activity:

1. Learn about the history of the Danish National Costumes through the Wiki link listed below.

Resources:

[Http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Den_Gamle_By](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Den_Gamle_By)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRD4v9aztIs>

Blown Away



Good To Know:
Windmills and Windfarms

Background Information:

Danes have used wind power for centuries so it is no surprise that they are leading the way in creating windfarms and wind technologies.

Activity:

1. Create a slide show of Danish windmills from photos on the 'windmillworld' website listed below.
2. Read up on Danish initiatives for wind and other green technologies.

Resources:

<http://www.windmillworld.com/europe/denmark.htm>
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/wind_power_in_Denmark

Odin's Shrine



Viking Adventures:
Odense

Background Information:

Odense is the third largest city in Denmark and is located on the island of Funen. Home of H.C. Andersen and Carl Nielsen, the name Odense translates 'Odin's Shrine'.

Activity:

1. Learn more about Odense using wikilink provided.
2. Take a virtual tour using video link sited below.
3. Eat or bake some treats that use almond paste, a product Odense is known for. Recipes can be found at the odense.com site.

Resources:

<http://www.odense.dk/english.aspx>
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odense>
<http://www.odense.com/>

A Few Ground Rules



Good To Know:
Danish Etiquette

Background Information:

When I was growing up, no one actually explained these Danish rules of behavior to me, but as I read them, it was all so familiar. Now I know, and so can you.

Activity:

1. Go to the websites and read up on Danish etiquette.
2. Watch a video together. Compare the Danish customs to American customs.

Resources:

http://www.ediplomat.com/np/cultural_etiquette/ce_dk.htm
<https://www.fyidenmark.com/etiquette.html>



DECEMBER

Head In The Stars



Great Danes:
Tycho Brahe

Background Information:

Born December 14, 1546 in Skane

Died October 24, 1601

astronomer who created instruments which he used to measure stellar and planetary positions to decide whether Ptolemaic or Copernican system was correct.

Activity:

1. Tycho Brahe has one of the most intriguing biographies I have come across. It includes: birth in a castle, loss of his twin, kidnapped by uncle, injury in a duel, a prosthetic nose, a pet moose that got drunk and fell down the stairs, and mercury poisoning. Then there's the whole astronomy thing... Learn about him using the links below.
2. Youtube link below is a short animated video of his life for those of us who are rocket scientists..
3. To honor Tycho's astronomical achievements, create Danish 3-D ribbon stars using directions on website listed below.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/tycho_brahe

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art12702.asp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zXbJLU0IIA>

Wonderful, Wonderful



Viking Adventures:
Copenhagen

Background Information:

The capital of Denmark, there are just too many sights to list them all here.

Activity:

1. Read all about it at the wiki site below.
2. Invite a member to share her travel photos and experiences in Copenhagen.

Resources:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copenhagen>

<http://www.copenhagenpictures.dk>

There Was A Grooked Man



Great Danes:
Piet Hein

Background Information:

Born December 16, 1905 in Copenhagen.

Died April 17, 1996 in Funen.

Scientist, mathematician, inventor, designer, author, poet

Activity:

3. Introduce Piet Hein using biographical materials found on the websites provided below.
4. Take turns reading Grooks.
5. The adventuresome can try writing their own 'grooks' and sharing them with the group.
6. Make fortune cookies with Grooks inside to eat and share.

Resources:

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piet_Hein\(Scientist\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piet_Hein(Scientist))

www.Leptonica.com

<https://poetryispretentious/piet-hein/poetry/>

Shopping Anyone?



Viking Adventures:
Stroget

Background Information:

Strøget - a.k.a. The Walking Street was created in 1962.

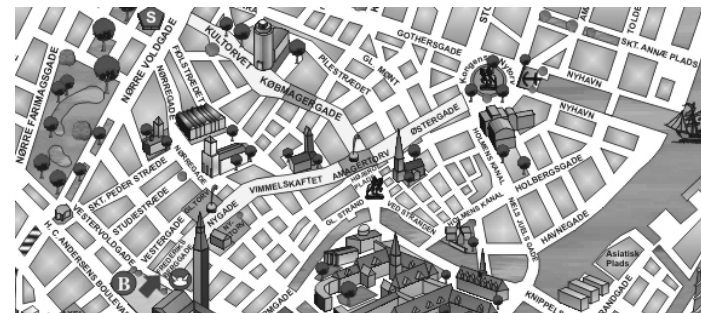
Activity:

1. Let this famous spot inspire you in this holiday shopping season and buy Danish. Pool your resources to create a list of local businesses that sell Scandinavian products, including food, jewelry, decorations, furniture, and collectables. Don't forget online resource possibilities.

Resources:

www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stroget

www.copenhagen.dk



That's Just Nuts!



Good To Know:
Marzipan

Background Information:

Who knew almonds would make such a delightful dessert?

Activity:

1. Learn how to make almond paste from scratch.
2. Make marzipan fruit as a group project.
3. Read about the marzipan pig traditions.
4. Try your hand at Kransekage.

Resources:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0Zfjni83is>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwijPMA6_Bg&feature=related
<https://danishthings.com/en/4-recipes-for-homemade-marzipan-and-a-simple-sugar-syrup/>
<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marzipan>
<https://mydanishkitchen.com/2013/05/20/best-kransekage/>
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marzipan_pig

There's No Place Like Home



Special Occasions:
Juleaften

Background Information:

Christmas Eve is celebrated on December 24. A traditional dinner includes risengrod, turkey, browned potatoes, red cabbage, herring and æblekage.

Activity:

1. Have each member bring in a Danish Christmas decoration (or two) from home and talk about the sentiments they hold for you.
2. Create red and white checkered heart baskets and paper cornucopias to hang on the tree.
3. Make and share glogg. Then sing Christmas songs together.
4. Talk about the Danish Christmas traditions your family observes.

Resources:

https://kids.kiddle.co/Yule_Christmas_in_Denmark
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yule_and_Christmas_in_Denmark
<https://skovkaer.com/glogg-recipe/>