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Holiday Trivia

1. What does the Grinch have in his smile?
2. Which President brought the first Christmas tree to the White House?
3. If your Aunt Cindy is collecting the President ornaments from the White House, and there is one for each President, how many ornaments does she have?
4. What is the theme of this year's White House Christmas tree?
5. Holly trees and bushes are native to North America. What are three reasons to plant native plants in your yard, at your school, or in a local park?
6. What did they feed the horse when it wouldn't eat *latkes*?
7. If the wind speed is 10 MPH and the temperature is -5 (negative five) degrees Fahrenheit, what is the wind chill?
8. What is the *winter solstice*?
9. What color are poinsettia *flowers*? (read carefully)
10. If you have a fireplace, perhaps you will burn a Yule log.
The unburned part is thought to protect a house from something.
What is it?
11. What is myrrh?

Answers on back

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ANSWERS

1. **Termites** ("You're a vile one, Mr. Grinch. You have termites in your smile. You have all the tender sweetness of a crocodile. Mr. Grinch).
2. **Benjamin Harrison** brought the first Christmas tree inside the White House in 1889.
3. **44**
4. **"Reflect, Rejoice, Renew"** which is embroidered on the blue ribbons used to hang ornaments.
5. **Landscaping with native plants improves the environment and they are hardier** because they have adapted to the local conditions. Once established, native plants do not need pesticides, fertilizers, or watering. Other benefits: saves time and money; helps to reduce the demand for non-renewable resources; improves the water and air quality; returns area to a healthy ecosystem; and enhances biodiversity.
6. **Potato pancakes.**
7. **-22 degrees Fahrenheit**
8. **It occurs exactly when the earth's axial tilt is farthest from the sun at its maximum.** It only lasts for an instant, but is used colloquially like "Midwinter" to refer to the day on which it occurs.
9. **Green or red-tipped** (Flowers this color and fresh looking will "hold" the bloom). The flowers are grouped within yellow structures, found in the center of each leaf bunch, called cyathia, located at the base of the colored bracts. The bracts are most often flaming red, but can also be pink, white, pale green, cream, or marbled. People choose the plant for those colors, thinking they are the flowers.
10. **Lightening.** In some small villages of Westphalia, Central Germany, the practice was to withdraw the Yule log from the fire so soon as it was slightly charred and carefully placed back on the fire whenever a thunderstorm broke. It was believed that lightening would not strike a house in which a Yule log was smoldering. Also, when a new log was laid the next year, the remains of the old one were ground to powder and strewed over the fields during the Twelve Nights, which was supposed to promote the growth of the crops. In Westphalia, the old custom was to tie up the Yule log in the last sheaf cut at harvest.
11. **It has been used from remote ages as an ingredient in incense, perfumes, etc., in the holy oil of the Jews and the Kyphi of the Egyptians for embalming and fumigations.** Botanically, there is still uncertainty about the origin and identity of the various species of shrub. It is inflammable but burns feebly. It was first recognized about 1822 at Ghizan on the Red Sea coast, a district so bare and dry that it is called "Tehama" meaning "hell."

Please join us in congratulating the Full of Fun Farmers on their 44 years as a Community Action Group. They have been together since the spring of 1965.

Thank You!

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