# Lesson 3.3 Cross-cultural communication: Festivals

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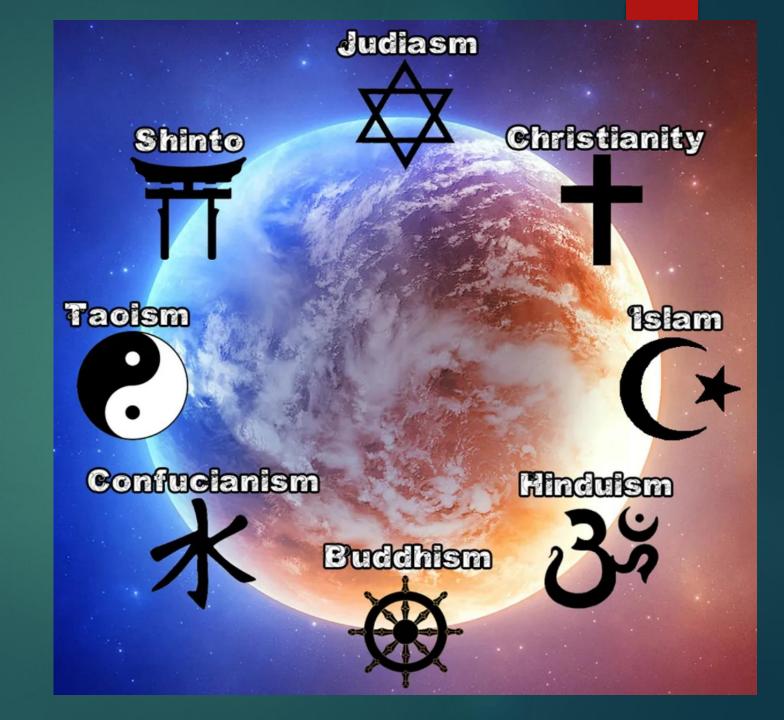
# Learning Activities

- 1) Review of Lesson 3.2
- 2) Homework check
- 3) Cross-cultural communication: Festivals
- 4) Homework



## Review of Lesson 3.2

Religions & customs



## Game – read, translate & tell

Buddhism
Islam
Shinto
Christianity
Judaism
Sikhism
Hinduism
Taoism
Confucianism

# Homework

Have you formed your group for the group presentation on Friday? Have you decided on your topic?

Group presentation on a cultural topic

**Reflect:** Are humans cultural beings? Do you agree with the the opinions in "10 Cultural Differences Between China and the US"?

#### Are humans cultural beings?

- Humans are the one living species constituted by language; therefore, humans are fundamentally cultural beings.
- Communication is the catalytic agent in cultural formation, and its most explicit expressions are symbolic creations such as the dramatic arts, public discourse, oralaural language, electronic entertainment, live streaming and digital networks.



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# Cross-cultural communication: Festivals

# Discuss:

- What is a festival? Why do people celebrate festivals?
- What are the main festivals in China?
- What are the major festivals in Canada?



# What is a festival?

A festival is a day or time of the year when people do not go to work or school and celebrate some special event, often a religious event. 节日



# Why do people celebrate festivals?

- Festivals often serve to fulfill specific purposes, especially in regard to commemoration or thanking to the gods, goddesses, saints or entities/ people.
- Festival celebrations create opportunities for fun, enjoyment, amusement, and recreation. It brings a Sense of joy, happiness, spiritual enlightenment, and quality time with loved ones.





Mid-Autumn Festival / Moon festival



#### **Spring Festival**



Double ninth festival / Chongyang Festival



#### Double seventh festival



#### Lantern Festival



Tomb Sweeping Day/ the Pure Brightness Day



Dragon Boat Festival



#### Winter Solstice



Ghost Festival/ Hungry Ghost Festival



#### Laba Festival

# Reading exercise

Popular Chinese festivals



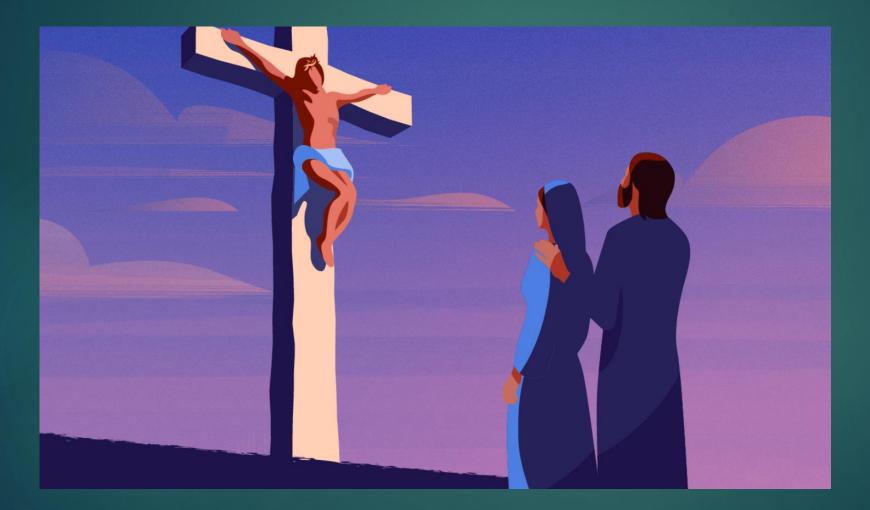
#### Christmas



New Year's Day



#### **Remembrance Day**



Good Friday



Victoria Day



Labor Day



#### Valentine's Day



Canada Day



#### Thanksgiving Day







Halloween



Holidays | The Canada Guide

# Homework

Prepare for group presentation:
 a. topic and group members
 b. start working on the project

2. Review today's contents & remember the holidays