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Anotace DUMu: Svátky a významné dny Velké Británie a USA. Aktivity procvičují znalosti studentů v rámci tématu Holidays in Great Britain and the USA.

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# HOLIDAYS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OD AMERICA

# **TEACHER'S SHEET**

#### Task I. Holidays in pictures and symbols:

Students should discuss their own knowledge of the holidays in GB and USA.

- Tell students to draw their own images which associate with the British or American holidays, have them share their own ideas, students may guess each other's pictures
- Copy a handout with pictures, give one to a pair of students and let them discuss why these pictures might be symbols of the various holidays
- Make bigger groups and let them share their knowledge.
- Tell them to turn the page and check their opinions.

#### OR

use data projector instead of copying and follow the same instructions.

#### Task II. Calendar:

- Students work in pairs. Give them a copy with the blank calendar.
- Students try to fill in the calendar with as many holidays and festivals as they know.
- Tell them to turn of the page and check their answers.

## Task III. Short texts about some British and American holidays:

- Copy the handout with the texts and cut them separately.
- Students work in groups of four. Each student reads the given text (two British and two American) and reports about it to their group.
- Groups together speak about the dates of the holidays. You may have them guess the dates or write dates on the board and students match days and holidays.
- Feedback and check with the teacher and the whole class.

#### Zdroje informací:

archív autorky <u>www.wikipedia.en</u> zdroje obrázků: <u>http://office.microsoft.com</u>

# HOLIDAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE USA

- **1**. Identify the pictures of various British or American holidays.
- 2. Divide the British and American holidays.
- **3.** Order them chronologically into the calendar.
- 4. Speak with your partner about each of them.



# Now see the solution to the pictures:

1. Christmas (25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> December)	GB / USA
2. Independence Day (4th July)	USA
3. Christmas crackers	GB
4. Guy Fawkes Day = Bonfire Night (5 <sup>th</sup> November)	GB
5. Christmas - Boxing Day (26 <sup>th</sup> December)	GB / USA
6. Easter (various dates in March or April)	GB / USA
7. Mother's Day (different dates)	GB / USA
8. Father's Day (different dates)	GB / USA
9. Thanksgiving Day (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November)	USA
10. Valentine 's Day (14 <sup>th</sup> February)	GB / USA
11. New Year's Eve / Hogmanay (Scotland)	GB / USA
12. Remembrance Day / Veterans' Day (11 <sup>th</sup> Nov)	GB / USA
13. Halloween (31 <sup>st</sup> October)	GB / USA

#### HOLIDAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE USA

Match the holidays with the months, write the exact dates and add any other holidays you know. Compare the British and American holidays with the Czech festivals and holidays.

January	February	March	April
Μαγ	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

Which holidays are British and which are American?

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January	February	March	April
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May I <sup>st</sup> May - May Day 8 <sup>th</sup> May - Victory Day 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Mother's Day	<b>June</b> Father's Day	<b>July</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> July - Independence Day	August
September I <sup>st</sup> September - Labor Day	October 31 <sup>st</sup> October - Halloween	November 5 <sup>th</sup> November - Guy Fawkes Day 11 <sup>th</sup> November - Veterans' Day 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Thanksgiving Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day 26 <sup>th</sup> December - Boxing Day 31 <sup>st</sup> December - New Year's Eve

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#### HOLIDAYS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

#### Burns Night /Scotland)

Celebration of the birthday of Robert Burns (1750 – 96), who is considered the Scottish national poet. Haggis is eaten, Burns' poetry is recited and Scottish music is played.

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## J St. George´s Day (England)

The festival of St. George. The patron saint of England. The tradition is to wear a red rose in one's lapel, though this is no longer widely practised, and have St. George's flags everywhere. Traditional English food and drinks are served in pubs.



#### St. Patrick's Day (Ireland)

Commemorates St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is celebrated by the Irish all over the Word with parades and parties. Because green is associated with Ireland, people wear green clothes, dye their hair green and even drink green beer.

## Guy Fawkes Night (UK)

Commemorates the Gunpowder Plot (1605) when the Catholic conspirator Guy Fawkes unsuccessfully tried to blow up the British Parliament. There are bonfires and fireworks on this day.



#### St. David's Day (Wales)

Commemorates St. David, the patron Saint of Wales. People wear a daffodil or a leek pinned to their clothing (Welsh symbols). Children in Wales take part in school concerts or "eisteddfodau", with recitation and singing being the main activities.

# St. Andrew's Day (Scotland)



The festival of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. It is regarded as Scotland's national day and since 2006 it is an official bank holiday. St Andrew's Day is marked with a celebration of Scottish culture with traditional Scottish food, music and dance. Schools across Scotland hold special St Andrew's Day events and activities including art shows, Scottish country dancing, lunchtime "ceilidhs", dance festivals, storytelling, reciting and writing poems, writing tall tales, cooking traditional Scottish meals, and bagpipe-playing.

## Halloween (UK, US)

The holiday has its roots in the Celtic festival Samhain and the Christian All Saints' Day. People wear costumes, carve lanterns from pumpkins and children go trick-or-treating.



#### Remembrance Day, also known as Poppy Day

People in Commonwealth countries remember the members of their armed forces who have died on duty since the World War I. Ceremonies are held at local war memorials, typically, poppy wreaths are laid by representatives of the Crown and armed forces and red poppies are worn on the uniforms.

## HOLIDAYS IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE USA



# Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Officially Birthday of Rev.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a federal holiday, commemorates the civil rights activist, who fought for greater freedom for African-Americans and was assassinated in 1968.



**Presidents' Day** 

Sometimes also called Washington and Lincoln Day, it now honours all presidents of the United States.



#### Labor Day

Celebrates the start of the union movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of workers. It has also come to be celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable to wear white or seersucker.



#### Thanksgiving Day

A day to express gratitude and thank God for good health and the harvest. Commemorates the first successful harvest of the colonists from the religious group Pilgrim Fathers in Plymouth in 1621. Officially celebrated since 1789.



# Memorial Day

Honours all men and women who have died in military service for the country. It was formerly known as **Decoration Day** and originated after the American Civil War.



#### Independence Day

Commemorates the Declaration of Independence in 1776. It is celebrated by parades, fireworks, family picnics and American flags everywhere.

# **Columbus Day**

Commemorates the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. This holiday has been celebrated unofficially since the late 18th century, and officially in various areas since the early 20th century. Recently some protests against this holiday have appeared mainly in the Native Americans' community.



#### MEMORIAL DAY Veterans Day

Honours all US veterans. Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving. It is a federal holiday.

## Key:

#### Holidays in GB:

Burns Night – January 25 St. David's Day – March 1 St. Patrick's Day – March 17 St. George's Day – April 23 Halloween – October 31 Guy Fawkes Day – November 5 Remembrance Day – November 11 St. Andrew's Day – November 30

#### Holidays in the USA:

Martin Luther King Day – January 20 Presidents' Day – February 17 Memorial Day – last Monday in May Independence Day – July 4 Labor Day – September 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September) Columbus Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in October Veterans Day – November 11 Thanksgiving Day – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in November

#### Zdroje obrázků:

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