December is a big month for holidays. There are many days in this month that you should know. Some of the days are important, like Pearl Harbor Day, and some are fun, like New Year’s Eve!

Pearl Harbor Day – Pearl Harbor Day is a sad day for America. It is the day that the Japanese air force attacked Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor was an American army base. Many Americans died that day. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in hopes to hurt America’s military. Pearl Harbor day is on December 7th.

Christmas – Christmas is a much happier holiday. Many people celebrate this day as the day that Jesus was born. People say that Mary, Jesus’ mom, travelled all the way to a manger with her husband Joseph, so that she could give birth to her baby. This is also celebrated as a day that St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, travels the whole world and gives good little boys and girls presents. This turns out to be most kid’s favorite holiday. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th.

New Year’s Eve – New Year’s Eve marks the night before the beginning of the year. This is one of the biggest celebration holidays! People go to parties where they will celebrate and dance with friends and family. Sometimes, at midnight, you can see fireworks in the sky! Some people make New Year’s resolutions. New Year’s resolutions are goals or promises to you. You can make a resolution to work out every week, or to start to eat healthier. New Year’s Eve is celebrated on December 31st.

December also has some silly holidays that could be fun to participate in. December 8th is National Brownie Day. Think of a whole day dedicated to eating brownies. Yum! December 13th is National Ice Cream Day. You could also celebrate December 1st which is Eat a Red Apple Day. Now, that is definitely healthier than the other holidays.

Whatever holidays you choose to celebrate in December, make sure you make the most of it. Have fun with each day that you and your family celebrate. December is a month of giving presents, and eating yummy food. It is no surprise that December is a lot of people’s favorite month!
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December Holidays Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which December Event comes first.
   a. New Year’s Eve
   b. National Ice Cream Day
   c. Eat a Red Apple Day
   d. National Brownie Day

2. New Year’s Day is celebrated in which month?
   a. November
   b. January
   c. December
   d. February

3. Where did the Pearl Harbor attack take place?
   a. in Russia
   b. an American Army Base
   c. in Japan
   d. in the Pacific Ocean

4. During which season, is Christmas celebrated?
   a. winter    b. spring
   c. summer    d. fall
December Holidays Free Response and Writing Activity

Write your answers in complete sentences.

1. Why is Christmas a lot of people’s favorite month of the year?

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2. Why do people make New Year’s Resolutions? Have you ever made a New Year’s Resolution? If so, what was it?

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3. Describe what you did this year on New Year’s Eve. Whom did you do it with?

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4. Do you think America should be happy or sad on Pearl Harbor Day? Tell Why.

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