

Lesson Plan Title : Comparing Santas from Around the World from <http://www.teach-nology.com>

Age Range: Grade 6 through grade 8 (Middle School)

Overview and Purpose: Students will practice observing and writing details as they study about the ways different countries depict Santa.

Objective: The student will be able to list details about the ways different countries depict Santa.

Resources:

Internet access for students

Teacher created worksheet

Activities:

Ask students to complete a journal entry about how they think Santa is pictured in other parts of the world. Do they think he is shown in a red suit, with a white beard, and sliding down the chimney?

Then have them complete the worksheet as they research the information on the internet. Come back together and discuss what the students found. Have them write a second journal entry about how they think Santa is depicted around the world.

Sample worksheet:

Country	Name he is called	Physical Description	Clothing Description	Responsibilities

Wrap Up:

You can use this activity to lead into a discussion about cultural traditions. Students could discuss other symbols, holidays, or traditions that may be different in other countries.