

KWANZAA



LNK  **tivity**
Interactive Learning Guides

WAIT!

Thank you for considering this LINKtivity for your classroom, but before you make a decision - you should know that you can get **access to this LINKtivity + PLUS our entire library** for about the same price as a single LINKtivity!

The results are in: **Teachers LOVE LINKtivities...** and want more! So, we've made it SUPER easy and cost effective for you to access any and ALL of our LINKtivities inside our LINKtivity Learning membership option! Instead of purchasing just ONE LINKtivity - why not get access to ALL of them... for about the SAME PRICE!



INSIDE THE MEMBERSHIP YOU'LL HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO:

- ✓ The **entire growing LINKtivity® library** inside the Membership (LINKtivities for all content areas)
- ✓ ALL **future LINKtivities** to be added to the membership (new releases each month!)
- ✓ **Teacher guides** to help you set up each LINKtivity® successfully in your classroom
- ✓ **Student resources** that go along with each LINKtivity (printable OR digital)
- ✓ **Kid-friendly rubrics** and **answer keys** for each LINKtivity®



JOIN NOW





Inside the Kwanzaa LINKtivity® students will learn the history behind Kwanzaa as well as how it is celebrated. They will also have the opportunity to view related videos.



More Sample Slides

HAPPY KWANZAA

Each year from December 26 to January 1, Americans celebrate Kwanzaa. Every day is dedicated to one of seven principles, or ideas, which are considered important to African American families and their communities.

Here's a few ways YOU can celebrate...

- Spend time discussing the seven principles of Kwanzaa
- Light a candle on the kinara each night of Kwanzaa
- Salute your ancestors with the unity cup as a sign of unity within the family.
- Enjoy traditional music as part of the celebration.

What is KWANZAA?

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that was created by Maulana Karenga in 1966. He felt that it was important to set aside a time each year to honor African American **culture** and values. Kwanzaa is based on African harvest festivals and is a celebration of family and community. The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the **Swahili** language and means "first fruits." Each year, Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1.

CLICK HERE to see photographs of this special holiday.

CLICK HERE to learn how YOU can celebrate Kwanzaa!

culture
the way of life of a particular group of people

Swahili
a native language of the East African peoples

Symbols of Kwanzaa

Click on each number below to learn about the symbols of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa founder, Maulana Karenga, celebrating in 2003.

Use the **left arrow** button on the camera to scroll through the photos.

Light the Candles of Kwanzaa

Click on each flame to light each candle of the Kinara, starting with flame 1 and continuing to flame 7.

Traditions & CELEBRATIONS

Kwanzaa begins on December 26. On the first night of Kwanzaa, the center black candle is lit on the kinara. This candle represents the African American people. Then, one candle is lit each night beginning with the left most red candle and proceeding from left to right each night until all candles have been lit.

Kwanzaa celebrations often include singing and dancing, storytelling, poetry reading, African drumming, and feasting.

Finally, on January 1, the last night of Kwanzaa, many families exchange gifts. These gifts are often handmade and focus on creativity and honoring African heritage.

CLICK HERE to learn more about Kwanzaa celebrations!

CLICK HERE to create your own Kwanzaa Poem.

Kwanzaa Magnetic Poetry

Drag the word tiles to create your own poem! You can use as many or as few words as you'd like.

Reset Words

Word tiles: candle, night, seven, a, principles, Kwanzaa, fruits, symbols, kinara, vegetables, corn, family, music, of, in, community, honor, ancestors, celebration, they, culture, African American, gifts, friends, unity cup, mat, unity, purpose, creativity, self-determination, storytelling, a, faith, life, above, off, light, women, eat, great, the, cooperative, economics, on, enjoy, men, green, red, black, responsibility, and, them, it, boy, then, were, listen, 's, hear, visit, excited, parents, an, girl, is, children, was, they, look, s, I, him, are, see, es, ing, her, my, lit, me, us, the, collective, responsibility, and, singing, dancing, feast, is, a, it, celebrate, Kwanzaa, s, s, in, the, is, a

The Unity Cup

The Unity Cup symbolizes the unity and community of the African American people. Families drink from this cup on the 6th day of Kwanzaa. Before drinking from the cup, each person says "Harambee" which means "let's pull together."

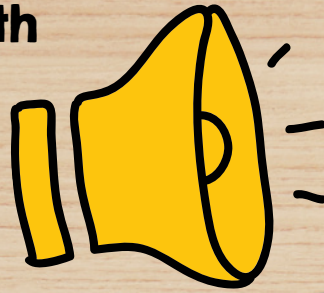
Woman lighting the Kinara

Use the **left arrow** button on the camera to scroll through the photos.



This LINKtivity is provided with

AUDIO SUPPORT



What is KWANZAA?

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that was created by Maulana Karenga in 1966. He felt that it was important to set aside a time each year to honor African American **culture** and values. Kwanzaa is based on African harvest festivals and is a celebration of family and community. The word "Kwanzaa" comes from the **Swahili** language and means "first fruits." Each year, Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26 to January 1.

CLICK HERE to see photographs from this special holiday

culture
the way of life of a particular group of people

Swahili
a native language of East African people

CLICK HERE to learn how YOU can celebrate Kwanzaa!

Perfect for English language learners or students who could use a little extra support!



Printable & Digital Student Flipbook

Printable Flipbook for LINKtivity

Digital Flipbook for LINKtivity in Google Slides

Student Flipbook Rubric				Student:
LINKtivity <i>Interactive Learning Outcomes</i>	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
Neatness & Appearance	My Flipbook is very neat and easy to read. I neatly colored in any illustrations with great detail. It is clear that I took my time to make my Flipbook reflect my learning.	My Flipbook is somewhat neat. Some of my writing is hard to read. Illustrations are NOT colored, or are sloppily done.	My Flipbook is messy. My writing is hard to read. Illustrations are NOT colored, or are sloppily done.	My Flipbook is quite sloppy. My writing is hard to read. Illustrations are NOT colored, or are sloppily done.
Accuracy & Completeness	The information in my Flipbook is 100% correct. I've included many details from the LINKtivity and have put what I've learned clearly in my own words. I have included information that goes above and beyond.	The information in my Flipbook is mostly correct. I've included several details from the LINKtivity, written neatly in my own words. My Flipbook includes all of the required information.	My Flipbook contains several incorrect or missing pieces of information. The information in my Flipbook lacks details from the LINKtivity.	My Flipbook has many incorrect or missing pieces of information. I struggled to use the information from the LINKtivity to complete my Flipbook correctly.
	My Flipbook contains very few errors in spelling and grammar.	My Flipbook contains some errors in spelling and grammar.	My Flipbook contains many errors in spelling and grammar.	My Flipbook contains many errors in spelling and grammar.

Answer Key & Rubric

