

Rockefeller Christmas Tree Lighting

ICONIC TREE

READING COMPREHENSION



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ICONIC TREE

In the heart of New York City, there stands an iconic tree that brings joy and magic to people around the world. Let's discover the story of the iconic Thanksgiving tree and why it's so special.

A SYMBOL OF CELEBRATION

Every year, in late November, the iconic Thanksgiving tree lights up Rockefeller Center. It's a symbol of celebration and the start of the holiday season. People come from near and far to see its dazzling lights and beautiful decorations.

A GIANT EVERGREEN

The Thanksgiving tree is no ordinary tree, it's a giant evergreen towering over the streets of Manhattan. Adorned with thousands of twinkling lights, it captures the attention of everyone passing by. A shining star crowns its top, adding to its splendor. This magnificent tree stands tall and proud, a stunning sight amidst the bustling city. Its grandeur brings a festive atmosphere to the heart of Manhattan.

ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

The journey of the Thanksgiving tree begins long before it reaches Rockefeller Center. Each year, a special tree is chosen from a different location. It's carefully selected for its size, shape, and beauty. Once chosen, the tree embarks on a journey to New York City, where it will become a centerpiece of holiday cheer.



LIGHTING CEREMONY

The lighting of the Thanksgiving tree is a magical moment when the tree is illuminated. There's music, performance, and Santa Claus. It's a festive celebration that everyone who attends.

TRADITION AND HISTORY

The tradition of the Thanksgiving tree dates back many years. It all began in 1931 when construction workers at Rockefeller Center put up a small tree to bring holiday cheer during the Great Depression. Since then, the tree has become a symbol of community.

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LIGHTING CEREMONY

The lighting of the Thanksgiving tree is a grand event. Crowds gather in Rockefeller Center to witness the magical moment when the tree is illuminated for the first time. There's music, performances, and even a visit from Santa Claus. It's a festive celebration that brings joy to everyone who attends.

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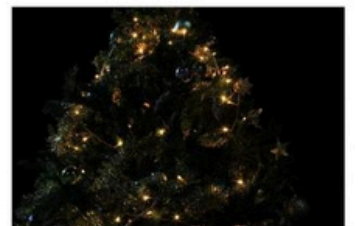


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TOURIST ATTRACTION

The Thanksgiving tree isn't just a symbol for New Yorkers. It's also a major tourist attraction. People travel from all over the world to see the famous tree in person. They take photos, make wishes, and create lasting memories with their loved ones.



GIVING BACK

But the Thanksgiving tree isn't just about lights and decorations. It's also about giving back to the community. Each year, the tree's wood is recycled and used to build homes for families in need. It's a way of spreading holiday cheer and making a positive impact on the world.

CONCLUSION

The iconic Thanksgiving tree is more than just a tree. It's a symbol of joy, hope, and unity. From its humble beginnings to its dazzling lights and charitable efforts, the tree brings people together and spreads holiday cheer for all to enjoy.

READING COMPREHENSION

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Name _____

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ICONIC TREE

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the iconic tree in New York City called?

- a) Christmas Tree
- b) Thanksgiving Tree
- c) Holiday Tree
- d) Rockefeller Tree

2. When does the lighting of the Thanksgiving tree typically take place?

- a) Early October
- b) Late November
- c) Mid-December
- d) Early January

3. What adorns the top of the Thanksgiving tree?

- a) A shining star
- b) A golden angel
- c) A bright moon
- d) A sparkling snowflake

4. How is the Thanksgiving tree chosen each year?

- a) By a lottery
- b) By a special committee
- c) By the mayor
- d) By random selection

5. What event marks the first illumination of the Thanksgiving tree?

- a) Thanksgiving Day parade
- b) New Year's Eve ball drop
- c) Lighting ceremony
- d) Fireworks display

6. When did the tradition of the Thanksgiving tree become a major tourist attraction?

- a) 1931
- b) 1950
- c) 1980
- d) 2000

7. What is one reason why the Thanksgiving tree is considered a major tourist attraction?

- a) It's free to see
- b) It's located in a remote area
- c) It's a small tree
- d) It's made of plastic

8. What charitable effort is associated with the Thanksgiving tree?

- a) Planting new trees
- b) Donating toys to children
- c) Recycling its wood to build homes
- d) Hosting fundraising events

9. Which word best describes the significance of the Thanksgiving tree?

- a) Sadness
- b) Joy
- c) Fear
- d) Anger

10. What is the main purpose of the Thanksgiving tree as stated in the passage?

- a) To make money
- b) To provide shade
- c) To spread holiday cheer and unity
- d) To serve as a landmark

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the Thanksgiving tree adorned with?
2. When does the lighting of the Thanksgiving tree typically occur?
3. How is the Thanksgiving tree chosen each year?
4. What event marks the first illumination of the Thanksgiving tree?
5. What charitable effort is associated with the Thanksgiving tree?

ANSWER KEY

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1. d) Rockefeller Tree
2. b) Late November
3. a) A shining star
4. b) By a special committee
5. c) Lighting ceremony
6. a) 1931
7. a) It's free to see
8. c) Recycling its wood to build homes
9. b) Joy
10. c) To spread holiday cheer and unity

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The Thanksgiving tree is adorned with thousands of twinkling lights and topped with a shining star.
2. The lighting of the Thanksgiving tree typically takes place in late November.
3. The Thanksgiving tree is chosen each year by a special committee.
4. The lighting ceremony marks the first illumination of the Thanksgiving tree.
5. The charitable effort associated with the Thanksgiving tree involves recycling its wood to build homes for families in need.

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