

<http://www.mrshea.com/germusa/customs/> scroll down to St. Nicholas Day

1. When is St. Nicholas Day? _____
2. He lived in a town called _____, which is in Asia Minor (modern Turkey).
3. What country was this before it was modern Turkey? _____
4. Click on SEE MAP – scroll down until you see a map and can locate his town.
5. When did St. Nicholas die? _____
6. What does St. Nicholas look like? Describe his outfit and appearance

7. What does he enquire (ask) about?

8. Who is *Knecht Ruprecht* and what does he do?

9. Who is the *Christkindl*? This is the word from which we get **Kris Kringle**.

10. In some parts of Germany, *Knecht Ruprecht* turned into the *Weihnachtsmann*, which means _____

11. How did we get the name *Santa Claus*? From what other name? Figure it out.

FURTHER LINKS – YELLOW ONLY

1. What did German-American cartoonist Thomas Nast do?

2. What U.S. company turned Nast's Santa into our current version of Santa?

4. Click The custom of gift-giving, shoes/stockings, chimneys
What did he throw down the chimney or through a window and why?

5. Click Images of St. Nikolaus – from Mr. Shea's trip in 1993
READ ONLY - Can you see where his white beard and robes come from?
Click on the Yellow link at the bottom, read view the pics
Do you think it snowed where he lived? Look at the pics! **Yes or No?**

6. Rent a Nikolaus - How many Euros does a visit cost? Up to 2 kids, add Krampus, etc. Look words up! _____ Euros.

7. Convert that price into dollars? How much is it for the visit you want? \$_____

8. Click on his often wild companions
Click all the yellow links. View some pictures.

9. Send a Niklauskarte to someone

12. Send a Nikolaus greeting card

Empfänger - recipient of the card

An - to

Von - from

Absender - sender

Empfangsbestätigung an dich? Do you want a receipt

prüfen - check/test

abschicken - send (away) ändern - change

es hat geklappt! it worked - it was successful

Read the text below. Compare German-English. Underline all words you understood w/o English help.

Was "Santa Claus" in den USA ist, ist "ST.NIKOLAUS" in Deutschland. Er kommt aber vor Weihnachten, am Abend des 5ten Dezember, um Geschenke zu bringen und Dich wissen zu lassen, was Du im vergangenen Jahr Gutes oder Schlechtes getan hast. Er hat alles in einem grossen goldenen Buch aufgeschrieben.

St. Nikolaus hat auch einen Gehilfen - den schaurig aussehenden "Knecht Ruprecht" mit einer grossen schweren Kette und einer Rute aus Zweigen gemacht. Er ist fuer die "schlechten Kinder" da und zur Erinnerung auch das kommende Jahr hindurch gut zu bleiben.

Kinder, die daran denken, ihre Stiefel vor die Tuer zu stellen, werden am Morgen des 6ten Dezember ein par (oft suesse) Kleinigkeiten darin vorfinden - ein Zeichen, dass St. Nickolaus noch einmal vorbeigeschaut hat!

What "Santa Claus" is in the USA , "ST.NIKOLAUS" is in Germany. He comes however before Christmas, on the Eve of December 5th, to bring presents and to let you know what you have done good or bad in the past year. He has it all written down in a big golden book.

St. Nikolaus also has a helper - scary looking "Knecht Ruprecht" with a big heavy chain and a whip(rod) made from tree twigs. He's there for the "bad kids" and a reminder to stay good throughout the coming year.

Children, who remember to put their boots in front of their door will find little goodies in them the morning of December 6th - a sign that St. Nickolaus stopped by once more!