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## Global Sale Reflections Answer Key

### Sample Essay

Boxing Day and Black Friday both involve shopping, but their histories and purposes differ greatly. Boxing Day started in the United Kingdom as a time to share wealth and kindness with those in need, while Black Friday began in the United States as a day for major retail sales after Thanksgiving. Today, Boxing Day still carries some of its charitable roots, with people donating to causes or helping communities, whereas Black Friday often emphasizes consumerism and profit. These differences show how cultures express the holidays-through giving in one and through spending in the other. Personally, Boxing Day better represents the holiday spirit because it focuses on generosity rather than material gain.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Objective:** Develop higher-order thinking through comparative analysis and synthesis of global cultural traditions.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - *Grades 11-12:* Encourage citing real examples-like charity drives in the UK versus flash sales in the U.S.-to strengthen arguments.
  - *Lower grades or support learners:* Provide sentence frames such as "Boxing Day began as..." or "Unlike Black Friday, Boxing Day focuses on..."
- **Engagement Idea:** Facilitate a class debate: *Which event has a more positive impact-Boxing Day or Black Friday?*
- **Extension Activity:** Have students research economic data (sales revenue, charitable giving) from both holidays and include findings in a short analytical paragraph or infographic.