

Name _____

Festival Connections Answer Key

1. Christmas tree
2. burning
3. Christmas
4. independence
5. Independence Day
6. Christmas
7. Christmas
8. gratitude

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:**
 - For younger or struggling learners, provide a word bank with options such as *Christmas tree*, *burning*, *gratitude*, *independence*, etc.
 - For advanced learners, challenge them to create their own original analogies connecting Hanukkah to other world holidays.
- **Engagement Tip:**
 - Turn it into a "Holiday Relay": teams race to complete each analogy first, explaining their reasoning.
 - Encourage students to justify their choices aloud-this builds vocabulary and comprehension.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write short paragraphs explaining one analogy in detail, focusing on cultural symbolism.
 - Integrate art: students illustrate one analogy as a visual comparison between the two holidays.
 - Connect across subjects by discussing how symbols from different cultures express shared values like *light*, *giving*, or *freedom*.