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Angels vs stars: which is better on Christmas Trees?

When Christmas is around the corner, many people put up trees inside their houses. While common decorations on trees include ornaments, tinsel, and Christmas lights, some people are drawn to putting different things on top of their trees. While many people use stars, some use angels (although both are Christmas-related).

What do you think is better?

Angels

Angels on a Christmas tree are always classic. It is the symbol of protection, peace, and a big thing in the Catholic faith. It can bring people together and bring peace. The angel can also help people know they are safe. Angels are also 170 years older than stars. That would just fit your simplistic look for Christmas!

Stars

I believe that stars are better on the tops of trees because on Christmas The North Star is in the sky and leads the Wiseman and shepherds to the baby Jesus when he was born. The stars are much more modern. The first star on a tree was put up 170 years after the angels. The first person to put a star on a tree was Martin Luther King Jr. I think that when the star is on the top of the tree it symbolizes how the star leads us to Jesus!

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The 2022 World Cup

In the opening "Group Stage", 32 countries sent their best soccer players to win the World Cup! Unfortunately, sometimes players get red carded which is NOT good. Thankfully, less than 10 teams got red-carded throughout the event. Cameroon managed to win that game, but only 16 teams can advance to the round of 16. Those 16 teams are our home teams the USA, the Netherlands, Argentina, Australia, Japan, Croatia, Brazil, South Korea, France, Poland, England, Senegal, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, and Switzerland. Congratulations to all the other teams though! You had a good run and played well.



A Continuation

Only 8 Countries will advance to the quarterfinals, and they are Croatia, Brazil, Netherlands, Argentina, Morocco, Portugal, England, and France. And after those very intense games, only 4 teams came out to the semi-finals which were Argentina, Croatia, Morocco, and France. Only 2 teams will advance to the finals. Those being Argentina and France. Croatia defeated Morocco for the 3rd place title. But, to what you've all been waiting for, the final results are Argentina 3-3 France. So it went to a final shootout, and Argentina came out on top 4-2. Congratulations Argentina, you are the world champions!

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The Bengals!

In the mid-season, the Bengals have been on a winning streak.

On December 4, 2022, the Bengals defeated the Chiefs for the third time in a row. On December 11, the Bengals got their revenge on the Browns with a 23-10 win. Also, the Bengals just played the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Tom Brady. Although we were defeated, we still have hope for the playoffs. The next game is on Christmas Eve. Hopefully, our hometown team can maintain their momentum coming out of the holidays for their final game against the Ravens. Our playoff hopes are high, so let's hope that the Bengals can pull it off!

Addison Wright's Interview

Interviewer: Tell me a little about yourself.
Addison: I like to read and write. I also like the supernatural.
I: How's your day been?
Addison: It's been pretty good.
I: What's your favorite animal and why do you like it?
Addison: I like raccoons because they look fluffy.
I: What's your favorite sport?
Addison: I love basketball because its the only sport I play.
I: Do you have any pets?
Addison: I do not have a pet.
I: What do you like about this school?
Addison: I like the small community.
I: Which one do you like the most Cats or Dogs.
Addison: I like dogs.
I: Have you ever had to bribe your teacher?
Addison: I have made negotiations.
I: What is your favorite type of candy?
Addison: I like Reeses Pieces.
I: If you had to choose ONE breed of dog what would it be?
Addison: It would be huskies.
I: Colorful lights or White lights?
Addison: I Like colorful lights.
I: What is your favorite food?
Addison: My favorite food is penne noodles.



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Chris Tipton's Interview

Interviewer: Could you tell me a little about yourself?
Chris: I was in the chess club. I'm in scouts and I like to be outdoors with my friends.
I: How's your day been?
Chris: I have had an ok day.
I: What's your favorite animal and why do you like it?
Chris: Red panda because I like the features and the color and it is just adorable.
I: What's your favorite sport?
Chris: Hockey.
I: Do you have any pets?
Chris: A dog and its name is Marley.
I: What do you like about this school?
Chris: The teachers.
I: Which one do you like the most Cats or Dogs?
Chris: Dogs.
I: Have you ever had to bribe your teacher?
Chris: Yes, and the teacher that I bribed was Mr. Shaffer.
I: What is your favorite type of candy?
Chris: Sour candies.
I: If you had to choose ONE breed of cat what would it be?
Chris: Siamese.
I: Colorful lights or White lights?
Chris: White lights.
I: What is your favorite food?
Chris: Tacos

Olivia Patrick's Interview

Interviewer: Tell me a little about yourself.
Olivia: I play three Sports. My favorite subject is science. I'm in 7th grade and in Stievenard's house. I've been going here since I was in kindergarten, I have 4 siblings and I'm the second oldest.
I: How's your day been?
Olivia: Pretty good.
I: What's your favorite animal and why do you like it? Olivia: Sea lions, because I saw a Sea lion show and it was pretty cool.
I: What's your favorite sport?
Olivia: Soccer
I: Do you have any pets?
Olivia: 4 Dogs, 3 Hermit Crabs, and 2 Fish.
I: What do you like about this school?
Olivia: House meetings.
I: Which one do you like the most Cats or Dogs?
Olivia: Dogs.
I: Have you ever had to bribe your teacher?
Olivia: I tried to and it didn't work.
I: What is your favorite type of candy?
Olivia: Kit Kats or Twizzlers.
I: If you had to choose ONE breed of cat or dog what would it be?
Olivia: French Bulldog.
I: Colorful lights or White lights?
Olivia: Colorful.
I: What is your favorite food?
Olivia: Sushi.

NEW TECHNOLOGY



Space X is a company that Elon Musk has been developing over the past couple of years and has made a giant step in space technology. "Starlink" is a new type of internet in space! They are using satellites to transfer these internet waves for gaming, calls, and much more! They are the world's first space-internet connection. They orbit earth only at about 550 km from Earth while other satellites that use the internet are around 35,786 km away. These satellites hardly ever help things such as calls, gaming, streaming, and other things that the "Starlink" can. The "Starlink" is one of the many new inventions that is being made.

Starshield leverages SpaceX's Starlink technology and launch capability to support national security efforts. While Starlink is designed for consumer and commercial use, Starshield is designed for government use, with an initial focus on three areas, Earth observation, communications, and hosted payloads. Starlink already offers unparalleled end-to-end user data encryption. Starshield uses additional high-assurance cryptographic capability to host classified payloads and process data securely, meeting the most demanding government requirements. Designed to meet diverse mission requirements, Starshield satellites are capable of integrating a wide variety of payloads, offering unique versatility to users. Starlink's inter-satellite laser communications terminal, which is the only communications laser operating at scale in orbit today, can be integrated onto partner satellites to enable incorporation into the Starshield network.

Something else that SpaceX made is the Falcon 9. Falcon 9 is a reusable, two-stage rocket designed and manufactured by SpaceX. Apparently it is," The world's first orbital-class reusable rocket. Reusability allows SpaceX to refly the most expensive parts of the rocket, which in turn drives down the cost of space access.



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Staying Healthy

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We all know that sickness is easily spread in the winter season. Many people get sick including teachers and students which can lead to school days being closed. Influenza which is often known as the Flu can be spread easily in schools and also on sports teams and many other places. Some symptoms of the Flu can be fever, chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and tiredness that can all be involved when you are down sick with the Flu. Pharyngitis also known as Strep throat can have symptoms such as throat pain in general and swallowing, red and swollen tonsils and a fever. Symptoms of gastroenteritis also known as the stomach bug include vomiting, stomach issues, stomach aches and pains, fever and body aches.

Covid-19 has been a big issue for all people around the world making it an inconvenience in our life. It has made the world completely stop. This was all because we needed to help people stay healthy. Yes nobody really likes wearing masks but that was protocol. Luckily life is somewhat back to normal but Covid-19 is still around. Some symptoms of Covid-19 are fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, loss of taste and smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, and vomiting. All these illnesses are contagious around school, work, out in public, and many other places. It is a good idea to wash your hands and stay healthy in these cold months.

Some ways we stay healthy are washing our hands, taking vitamins, staying home, and wearing a mask. Have you ever thought about how people in earlier times stayed healthy? Well, I am here to tell you that they might have been a few different ways to stay healthy from disease. In 1918, the Spanish flu broke out in February. 17 million to 50 million people died in a total of the Spanish flu. Some ways that people stayed safe from the Spanish flu were social distancing and wearing masks. Sounds familiar right? The mask wasn't quite what we are used to. It was a piece of cloth wrapped around your mouth all the way to your neck. The tools they had back in the 1900s are not the same tools we use today. We have better tools thanks to technology and people that invented tools to make life easier. The Spanish flu ended in April 1920. Around 7,700,000 people have died from Covid-19 in total. There is a big difference between the death difference. We had different practices that could have kept us safe longer.

In conclusion, during this time of year, we should be washing our hands for twenty seconds, staying home when we are sick and using some precautions around this time of year. People in the 1900's and other times had different ways to stay healthy than we did and we thank recent technology and machines for that. Vaccines play a big role in that as well. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday!



HOLIDAY HISTORY: CHRISTMAS

“What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.” This was a quote said by Agnes M. Pharo, and I feel that this perfectly articulates the true meaning and feeling of Christmas. Sure, when you’re younger, it’s pretty much just another time to receive gifts and great joy. Yet, as we get older, our values change, and as those change, so does the viewing of a certain holiday. Suddenly, it’s not just another time to receive gifts, but a time when you gather with some of the people you love most to partake in festivities. But have you ever wondered how this holiday came to be? In our lifetimes, we’ve always had this particular view of the holiday, but we never truly know where they originated from, do we? To answer that question, we have to do what I dearly love, and dive deep into the depths of history.

Christmas Trees!

The first backstory I’ve chosen to share is that of the Christmas tree. The same trees that we decorate with gorgeous, thoughtful, and intricate ornaments. Maybe it comes as a surprise to know that they haven’t always looked as stunning as they do in the present day, however. The origins of using forestry to decorate stem from both Pagan and Roman cultures. Pagans would decorate their home with evergreen trees to celebrate spring, while Romans ended up using fir trees and metal to decorate their temples during their holiday of Saturnalia. Saturnalia, was a Roman holiday to celebrate the titan Saturn. Christmas and Saturnalia share quite a lot of traditions, which I’m not sure is shocking or not, as the Romans have seemingly found a way to worm their culture into every little thing of our society. Something that will surprise you though, is that the first trees officially used for decor were surprisingly hung from the ceiling. Yep! Trees in the air! The trees’ looks obviously differed from the ones that we’re familiar with. Our current tradition that relates to the Christmas Tree, is from Northern Europe. The ones we have to thank are the Germanic Pagan tribes that decorated evergreen trees to honor their god, Woden, with candles and dried fruit. While they definitely don’t look as festive as they do today, it was certainly quite the start. The Christmas Tree didn’t officially started becoming a part of our celebration until the 1500’s, in Germany. The tree looked a lot more like the ones we’re used to today.

MORE SANTA CLAUS!

Each European country eventually put its own spin on St. Nick, each one helping morph the Santa Claus we know today more and more. It took quite a while for Christmas to become what it is today in the U.S.A. In the 1600s, it was the Dutch variant of Sinter Klass that we came to know originally. Then in the 1700s, the Germans finally decided to share and introduced their Christmas tree traditions. In the early 1800s, it was Washington Irving, Clement Clark Moore, and Thomas Nast who made Christmas what it is today. Washington Irving craved to bring people of all backgrounds together, so he wrote stories of the lost traditions he was supposedly bringing back. This, of course, hooked into the hearts of the American people. And, oh, if Irving captured their hearts for Christmas, Moore absolutely stole them with no thought to return them. He wrote the famous work that we all have come to know and love: The Night Before Christmas. The famous book is not the same as Tim Burton’s iconic movie. While Irving and Moore focused on Santa Claus’s personality and stories, it was inevitably the Coca-Cola hired employee, Thomas Nast who truly created and molded the image of St. Nick in 1881. He was the one who gave Santa his familiar background. Mrs. Claus, the elves, and of course, the well-known image of Santa Claus himself, it was all him. These three men have left their impacts for seemingly endless centuries to come. All come together to form the one day (or season as some like to call it) of Christmas.

St. Nick!

Now, it’s time for the Christmas icon himself! Good Ol’ Saint Nick! St. Nick has well-known Christian origins. He was a bishop born in 280, as a citizen of Southern Turkey. Like many people of the Christian faith at the time, he suffered, was prosecuted, and imprisoned for his faith. Though he came from a wealthy family, he had no hesitations about helping the poor and those in need. One of these tales, in fact, spun into a popular Christmas tradition! The origin story of why we hang up stockings is one that you think would be talked about more. It started when St. Nick saved three daughters from being sold into slavery due to their poverty. He saved them by throwing gold into an open window of their home, which gave their father enough money to not sell them off. Due to the legend that the money landed in a sock, the tradition of hanging socks up in hope for goodies was born. Of course, we don’t hang socks as we do stockings (many socks would be too small for all the goodies we receive nowadays). St. Nick may have officially died on December 6th, which is why we celebrate St. Nick’s day prior to Christmas, but his legacy lives on. We honor his life and legacy by leaving out our shoes in hopes that they will be filled to the brim with the goodness he has left behind.

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