

KWANZAA ACTIVITIES!

Lighting of the Mishumaa Saba

Mishumaa saba are the seven candles which represent the seven core principles of Kwanzaa.

The three candles on the left are red (representing struggle), the three on the right are green (representing hope), and one in the center is black (signifying the African American people or those who draw their heritage from Africa).

Each candle represents a specific principle and are lit one day at a time, in a certain order.

The black candle is always lit first. Some people light the remaining candles from left to right (red to green) while other people alternate as follows:

1. Black candle
2. Far left red candle
3. Far right green candle
4. Second red candle
5. Second green candle
6. Last red candle
7. First green candle

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Mishumaa Saba Craft Directions

- 1) Print out the candle holder, candle flames, and candle sheet of your choice. (These have been differentiated to fit your student's individual needs. These can be printed on white or colored paper.)
 - 2) If you have chosen to print on white paper, students may color, paint, or decorate their pieces. The candles are traditionally red (3), black (1) and green (3).
 - 3) Next, cut out each piece and set aside for assembly.
 - 4) Start assembling the candle holder by placing the triangle with the right angle towards the top and two acute angles towards the bottom.
 - 5) Glue the small rectangle piece on top of the right angle of the triangle.
 - 6) Then, glue the larger trapezoid piece onto the top of the small rectangle with the shorter side of the trapezoid facing downwards and the larger side facing upwards.
 - 7) After assembling the candle holder, glue the candles onto the top of it, in a row. This works best if the candles are placed behind the holder, rather than in front.
- Lastly, glue the candle flames to the top of the candles. This can be done at once, or one on each day as Kwanzaa unfolds. The black candle is traditionally lit first.

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candleholder / Kinara

3

candle flames

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2 3 4 5 6 7

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Ujamaa
Kujichagulia
Ujima
Ujamaa
Nia
Kujichagulia
Ujamaa
Ujamaa

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Bendera - The Kwanzaa flag with the colors red (representing struggle), green (representing hope), and black (signifying the African American people or those who draw their heritage from Africa).

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Instructions included!

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green

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Kwanzaa Flag Craft

black red green

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black

red

green

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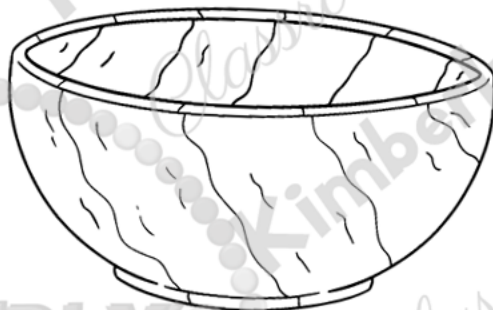
Mazao Craft Directions

Mazao - Fruit or crops placed in a bowl, representing the community's productivity

- 1) Print out the mazao craft sheets onto white or colored paper.
- 2) If you have chosen to print on white paper, students may color, paint, or decorate their pieces.
- 3) Then, cut out each piece and set aside for assembly.
- 4) Glue the fruit and vegetable pieces onto the upper portion of the wooden bowl, creating the appearance of food inside a bowl.

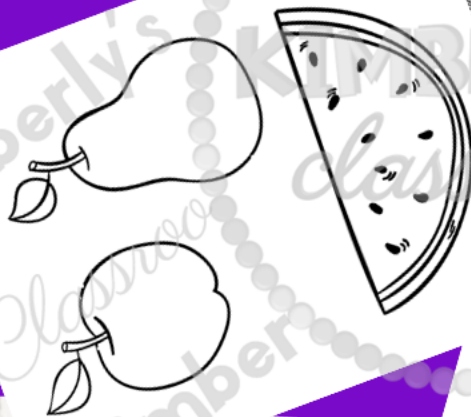
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**Mazao
Craft**

Kikombe cha Umoja Craft Directions

Kikombe cha umoja - a cup to represent family and community unity.

- 1) Print out the kikombe cha umoja craft sheets onto white or colored paper.
- 2) If you have chosen to print on white paper, students may color, paint, or decorate their pieces.
- 3) Then, cut out each piece and set aside for assembly.
- 4) Glue the larger rectangle piece to the top of the cup piece.
- 5) Then, use the smaller rectangle piece to attach the cup and the base pieces.
- 6) Finally, decorate your cup using the shapes included (triangles, squares, and circles).

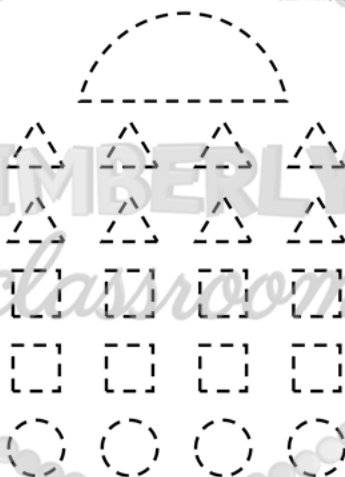
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Unity Cup Craft!



Kikombe cha Umoja Craft



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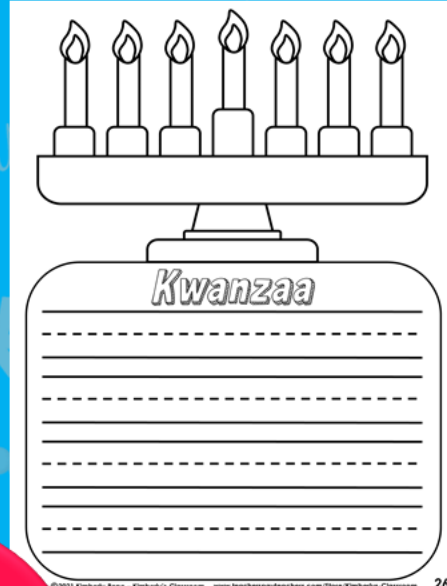


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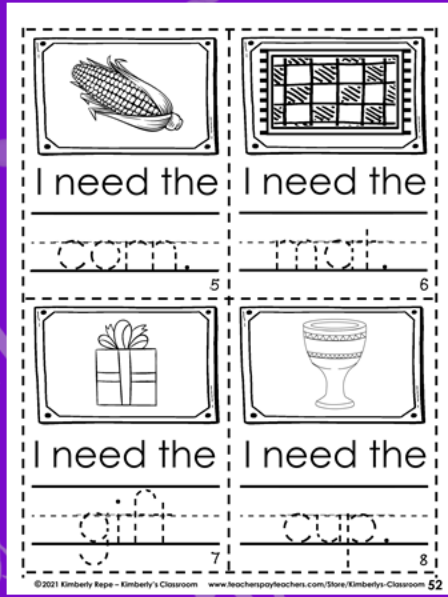


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Writing Activities!



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Name: _____

Zawadi

Presents exchanged with family members to celebrate the last day of Kwanzaa.



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Mahindi

One ear of corn is placed under the K to symbolize each child in the family.

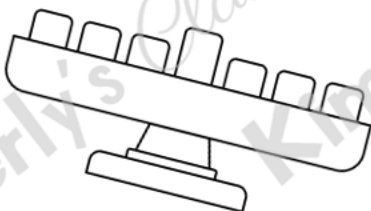


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Kinara

A candelabra that holds 7 candles, one for each day of Kwanzaa.



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Kikombe cha Umoja

A cup to represent family and community unity.



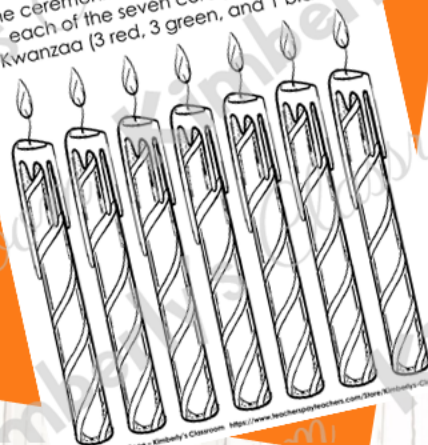
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Name: _____

Mishumaa Saba

The ceremonial candles which represent each of the seven core principles of Kwanzaa (3 red, 3 green, and 1 black).



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Coloring pages!

Name: _____

Kwanzaa Word Search

Directions: Find and circle each word in the box.

A	O	Q	H	Z	T	U	W	X	M	K	K
N	W	U	E	V	J	M	M	P	K	T	A
Z	O	X	R	I	P	B	A	Y	I	C	R
B	Z	A	W	A	D	I	H	F	N	M	A
E	U	J	W	C	F	I	A	A	F	M	
N	K	Q	I	R	B	Y	N	K	R	M	U
D	Z	A	B	J	F	L	D	G	A	A	A
E	X	N	F	A	C	E	I	I	N	Z	E
R	U	O	S	T	M	G	E	O	F	A	G
A	C	Q	Z	Y	A	U	H	Q	K	O	Z
R	J	C	D	J	E	N	B	E	M	G	K
O	D	U	X	S	N	J	K	M	D	E	Q
U	Z	N	Y	O	U	M	Q	Z	Y	H	D

BENDERA

MAHINDI

KARAMU

DJEMBE

KAFTAN

KINARA

ZAWADI

MAZAO

MKEKA

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Name: _____

Count and Add

Directions: Count and add the objects together. Then, cut and paste the correct answer into the box.

	+		=	
	+		=	
	+		=	
	+		=	

5

6

8

3

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Name: _____

Count and Color

Directions: Color and count the objects. Then, trace the number in each box.

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Name: _____

Which Symbol?

Directions: Count the objects and write the correct sign in the box (<, >, or =).

> < =

Name: _____

Color by Number

Directions: color the squares according to their number to reveal a Kwanzaa picture.

8	6	9	8	7	6	8	9	7
7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
6	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	9
9	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	6
6	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	7
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	9

1

green

2

red

3

black

4

yellow

5

brown

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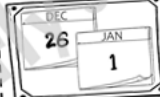
Literacy and Math!

Differentiated Reading levels!

Kwanzaa!



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It is from December 26th to January 1st.



Kwanzaa is seven days long.

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 Umoja means unity.	 Kujichagulia means to stand up for yourself.
 Ujima means helping your community.	 Ujamaa means keeping African American businesses strong.

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 Nia means growing your community.	 Kuumba means creativity.
 Imani means faith in your community.	 Kwanzaa is mostly celebrated in America.

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 The flag is red, green, and black.	 Karamu is a big dinner on the sixth day.
 Foods are put on a mat called a mkeka.	 Corn is placed on the mkeka for each child.

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 The kinara holds seven candles.	 The green candles are for hope.
 The black candle is for the African people.	 The red candles are for struggle.

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 People drink from a unity cup.	 Zawadi, or gifts are given.
 Music and African drums are played.	 Kwanzaa celebrates African culture and inspires many people.

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