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Happy New Year! Everyone at **Bear Essential News** hopes the year is off to a great start for you!  
Use the January issue to complete these activities.

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1. Write a summary of the story you find most interesting. Then write down two facts you learned from the story.



Headline \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_

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Two Facts \_\_\_\_\_

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**Main Feature: Birthdays Around the World**

Use the information in the Main Feature to answer the following questions. Please answer in complete sentences.

1. Name a birthday tradition from any culture in the story that you think is very different. Be sure to tell us which culture you are writing about!

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2. What are some birthday traditions in your family? Ask your parents how they came to be family traditions.

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### VOCABULARY:

Power Word Crossmatch Challenge: Power Words can be found in the main feature and on the News Highlights page.



*Power Word*

*Description*

**fanfare**

to have a position in relation to others

**extinguished**

a mental view

**transgressions**

a showy outward display

**ranked**

violation of laws or commands

**perspective**

put out or stopped from burning