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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 what you think the main idea is and two facts you learned from the story.



Headline \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 intrigued you. Is it something that you would like to try? 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*

*Definition*

**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

Use the each of the Power Words in a sentence:

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