

# Understanding Hanukkah

*Learning objective: To explain the meaning and traditions of Hanukkah and how it is celebrated by Jewish people.*

Use the prompts below to write an informative report about Hanukkah. Use the word bank to help you link your ideas together.

Hanukkah is a joyful Jewish festival known as the Festival of Lights.

*Word bank: traditionally · symbolises · commemorate · furthermore · consequently · in addition · miracle*

## 1. The Story of Hanukkah: How did the festival begin and why is the oil so important in the story?

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## 2. The Menorah: What is a Menorah, and how is it used during the eight days of the celebration?

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## 3. Special Foods: Which traditional foods are eaten during Hanukkah and why are they fried in oil?

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## 4. Family Traditions: How do families and friends celebrate together? Think about games like the dreidel.

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**5. The Meaning of the Festival: What does Hanukkah teach people about hope, faith, and light?**

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*Extension challenge: Can you compare Hanukkah with another festival of light you have learned about? What are the similarities and differences?*