Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the origins, traditions, and significance of Hanukkah for Jewish people.

Join Nova the Owl as we explore the history and traditions of Hanukkah! Read the facts carefully and answer the questions below to test your knowledge.

Answer Key: 1. A (Eight), 2. True, 3. False (It is a nine-branched candelabrum), 4. Oil, 5. C (A spinning top), 6. True, 7. Maccabees, 8. Latkes, 9. False (It celebrates a miracle), 10. Gelt.

Word bank: Menorah · Maccabees · Dreidel · Oil · Miracle · Latkes · Gelt

1. 1. How many nights does the festival of Hanukkah last? A) Seven, B) Eight*, C) Nine, D) Ten (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Hanukkah is often called the Festival of Lights. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Hanukkiah is a candelabrum with only five branches. (1 mark)

4. 4. What substance miraculously lasted for eight days when it should have only lasted for one? (One word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. What is a dreidel? A) A type of bread, B) A traditional song, C) A spinning top*, D) A special coin (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Children often receive small chocolate coins called Gelt during the festival. (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the name of the brave group of fighters who reclaimed the Holy Temple? (One word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. Which potato-based food is traditionally fried in oil to celebrate Hanukkah? (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Hanukkah is a festival that celebrates a time of sadness. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which word means 'chocolate coin' in the context of Hanukkah gifts? (One word answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a bright and colourful Hanukkiah with all nine candles lit, surrounded by patterns inspired by traditional Jewish art.

Extension challenge: Nova the Owl wonders about history! Research how the date of Hanukkah changes on the Gregorian calendar each year. Why does it follow a different calendar system?