

EPIPHANY

HISTORY

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TRADITIONS

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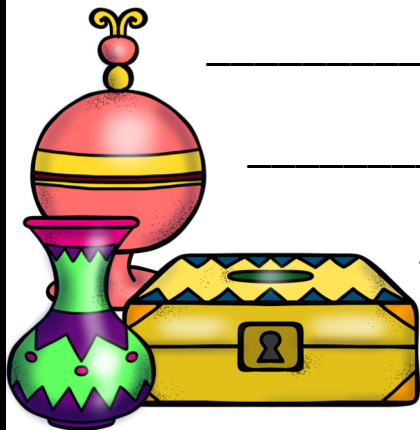


Directions: Circle the best choice for each question.

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- 4.) In Spain they celebrate the Epiphany with parades and special cakes. _____
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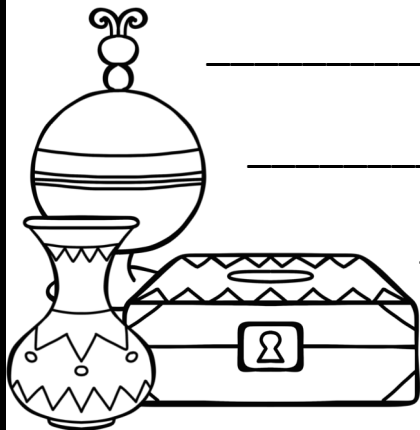


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Answers will vary

