



Презентация к реферату: ***Special celebrations in English-speaking countries***

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Every nation and every country has its own customs and traditions. In Britain traditions play a very important part in the life of the people. The British are proud of their traditions and carefully keep them up.



Public holidays

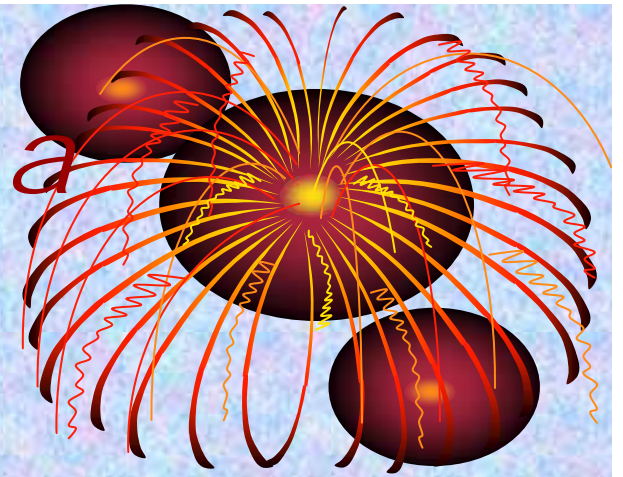
- There are many holidays in the United Kingdom. There are only six public holidays a year in Great Britain, that is days on which people need not go in to work. They are: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Spring Bank Holiday and Late Summer Bank Holiday..





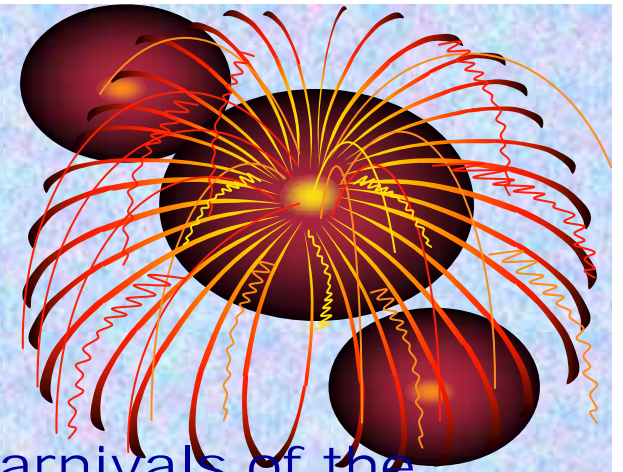
*Welcome to the
Notting Hill Carnival:*
the greatest carnival in Britain

"Every spectator is a participant"



Every August London is home to the great Notting Hill Carnival- the largest carnival in the world. It is a fantastic event which is open to everyone is absolutely free! The Carnival has been held on the last weekend of August since 1966.

HISTORY



This great festival has roots in the carnivals of the Caribbean, especially Trinidad.

In Trinidad today, the carnival is the main event in the calendar. It starts after Christmas and reaches its most exciting moments during the last two days before Ash Wednesday. Then all work stop and crowds move through the streets, dancing and singing and wearing all sorts of wild costumes. But it hasn't always been that way.

In the 1800s, during the days of slavery and the British Empire, many black slaves were brought to Trinidad from Africa. They worked on sugar plantations and their life was very hard.



In 1833, when slavery was abolished, the slaves stormed to the streets to celebrate their freedom. Soon people from all over Trinidad started to take part in these street celebrations. They became experts in the art of costume making, steel drumming and calypso (a folk song telling a story).

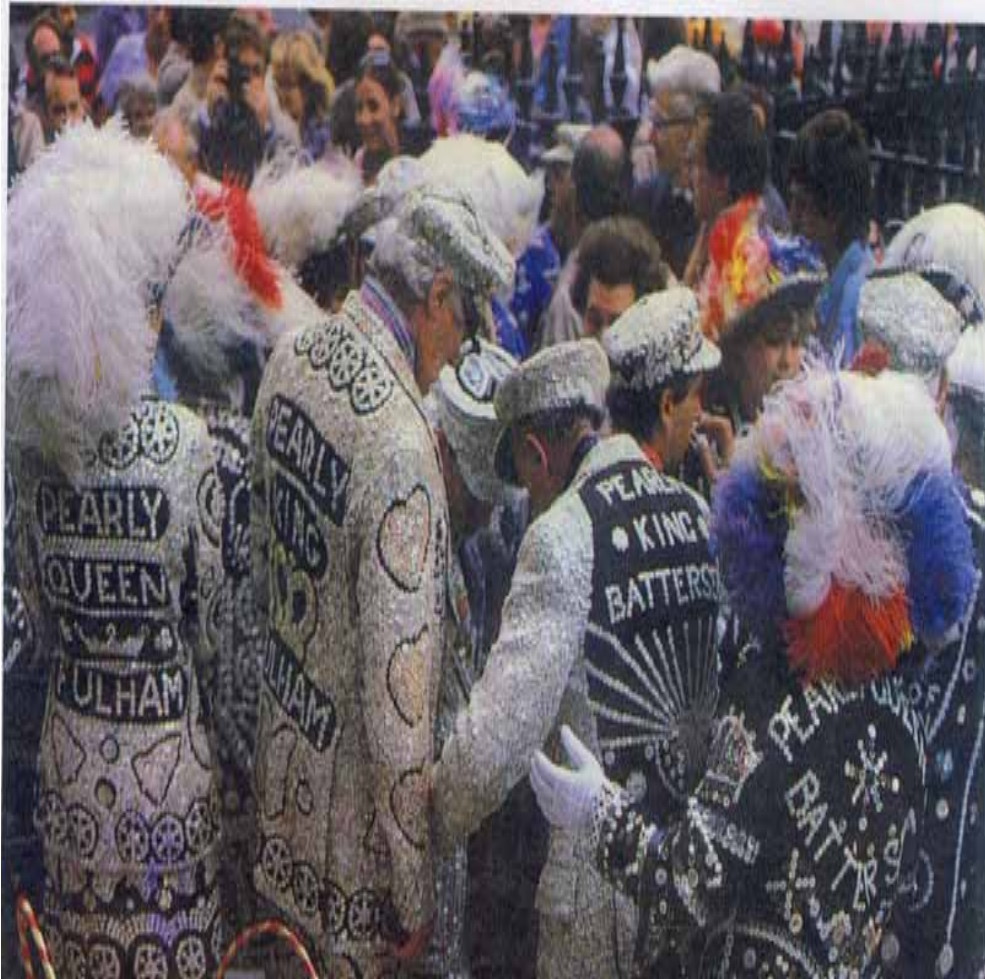
In the 1950-60s many Trinidadians emigrated to Britain in the hope of getting a job and making a home.

Pearly Kings and Queens



Who are they?

Pearly Kings and Queens



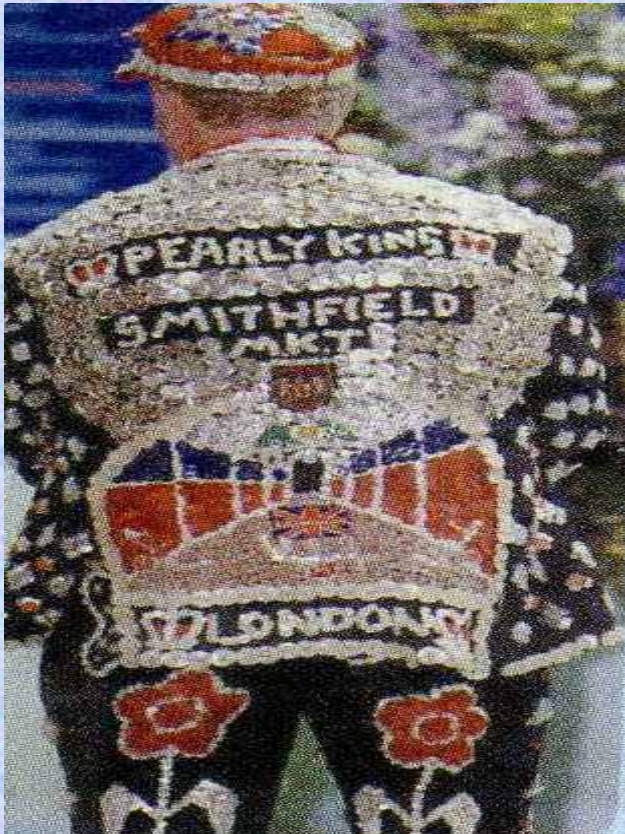
- A very important event is the coming of **the Pearly Kings and Queens** – these are cockneys who have sewed pearl buttons all over their dresses and suits. And their hats also have many pearl buttons on them. Those of them that have the most beautiful costumes are named Pearly King and Queen for one year.

Pearly Kings and Queens



- The history of the «Pearlies» is not as long (in British terms at least) as some people might think. Here is the story. The London tradition of Pearly Kings and Queens was started in 1875 by a small boy called Henry Croft. Henry's parents died when he was a baby and he was put in an orphanage. When Henry was thirteen, he had to leave the orphanage and find himself a job. His first job was as a sweeper in the Somers Town market (where the new British Library now stands). He soon made lots of friends, especially amongst the local traders called Costermongers.

Pearly Kings and Queens



- So Henry decided to do something for very poor people, such as the kind at his old orphanage. But first he had to make himself easily recognisable. Henry had an idea. He picked up pearly buttons that fell off people's clothes. Of course, he had to learn how to sew first. Ever since then, it has been the Pearly Kings' job to design and make the costumes. Together with his friend Costermongers, Henry started collecting money for charity.

Pearly Kings and Queens

Henry's good work is carried forward by the Pearly Kings and Queens of today. Alongside some of the original Pearly families, new Kings and Queens are elected every year by different London communities. Just like 130 years ago, Pearlies raise money for charity and contribute to many good causes.

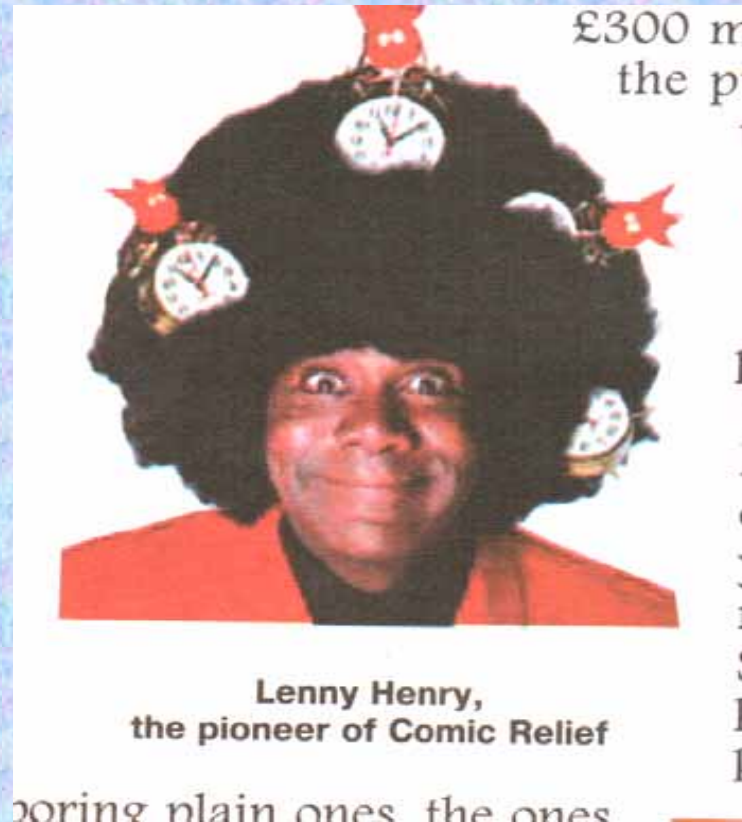
Red Nose Day



- For one day every two years, Britain goes crazy. People all over the country (even police officers and teachers) wear red noses and do silly things. It is Red Nose Day – the day when doing really stupid things can raise loads of money for charity.

Red Nose Day

It was British comic Lenny Henry who came up with the idea. “Why not have fun and help people at the same time?” he thought. Other comics liked the idea and in 1985 a special organization –Comic Relief- was set up. All the money raised on Red Nose Day goes to people who need it most – to poor and disadvantaged children in Britain and in Africa. Around one-third is given to projects working in the UK and around two-thirds does to projects workings in Africa.



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So Red Nose Day is comic but very serious. It helps millions of orphans, people living with AIDS and kids whose parents are drug addicts or alcoholics.



MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



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Do you know what a maple leaf is? Of course you do! It's on the Canadian flag. Maple leaves come from maple trees and one particular kind of maple tree - the sugar maple - gives Canadians their favourite sweet: maple syrup. Canadians like it so much that they even have special celebrations in honour of this sweet drink.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

A little history

The boiling of sap to make maple syrup and maple sugar is one of the oldest traditions in Canada. It was inherited from the native people of North America who gave the white settlers their first taste of maple sugar and taught them how to make it.

When the "maple moon" season began, the Indians camped in maple groves and lived there until the sap stopped running. They cut holes in the trees and put in wooden spouts to guide the sap into special containers – mokuks.

When the mokuks were full, it was time to boil the sap. First, the Indians made a big fire. Then they heated stones in it. When the stones were hot, they picked them up (with sticks of course!) and put them in the mokuks. This was how they cooked down the sap.

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



The sugar maple is one of the most beautiful Canadian trees



Celebrations

Today, there are maple syrup festivals all over Canada. They usually start at the beginning of March and last from three to six weeks. During the festival you can see sap coming from trees and help cook syrup in a “sugarhouse” (a special cabin in the forest for making syrup and sugar). You can listen to live music and take part in funny contests. And you can eat lots of delicious maple products. It’s a treat unlike any other.



AMERICAN CELEBRATIONS



- You will not be surprised to hear that every true American waves a flag on July 4th. This is the day when Americans remember the beginnings of their nation.

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- And you would expect every true American to sit at the family table and eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day in November. This is when they thank God for the good things in their lives, and remember the courage of the first Europeans who landed in America.



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- There are special festivals in different parts of the States. They show how many different nations came together to make the American nation. The truth is that Americans love parties. But perhaps the best parties of all are private, family ones. Some, like Halloween, are especially for the children. At the end of October, they dress up as ghosts as witches and go from house asking for candy or cookies . .

The roots of a lot of special celebrations in English-speaking countries one could find in the history of the country. The habits and traditions of different nations reflect their history and psychology. The knowledge of them gives us opportunity better understand the soul of the nation, its art and literature.