



## Candlemas: Reading Comprehension

**Instructions:** Read the following article about Candlemas and answer the questions that follow.

Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated on 2 February. It is also called the Festival of Lights, and it is a time when all the candles the church will use that year are blessed. People put lighted candles in their windows to celebrate.

Some people believe that if it is sunny on Candlemas, winter will continue for many more weeks. And if it is cloudy, they think winter is coming to an end. This proverb explains the idea:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight.

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,

Winter won't come again.

There are several superstitions associated with Candlemas. Some people believe that if a candle drips on one side while being brought into a church on Candlemas, a family member will die in the coming year. People also think that it is bad luck if snowflakes are brought into a home before Candlemas. Finally, Christmas decorations that are left out after Twelfth Night (5 January) shouldn't be taken down until Candlemas.

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3. Name two superstitions associated with Candlemas. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Candlemas Answer Key

1. What date is Candlemas celebrated? **2 February**
2. List two traditions associated with Candlemas. **All the candles that will be used in the church in the coming year are blessed. People place lighted candles in their windows.**
3. Give two superstitions associated with Candlemas. **If a candle drips on one side while being brought into a church on Candlemas, a family member will die in the coming year. If snowflakes are brought into a home before Candlemas, bad luck will follow. Finally, Christmas decorations that are left out after Twelfth Night (5 January) shouldn't be taken down until Candlemas.**