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## Customs, traditions in the USA, GB, the CR

### USA:

- **Thanksgiving:** A holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November to give thanks for the blessings of the year and share a meal with family and friends.
- **Independence Day:** A national holiday on July 4th that celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America.
- **Super Bowl Sunday:** A major event in American culture, where millions of people watch the championship game of the National Football League (NFL) and enjoy food, drinks, and socializing with friends and family.
- **Halloween:** A holiday celebrated on October 31st, where people dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, and decorate their homes with spooky decorations.
- **Christmas:** A major holiday celebrated on December 25th, where people exchange gifts, decorate trees, and gather with family and friends.

### GB:

- **Royal Family:** The British Royal Family is a symbol of national identity and pride in Great Britain, with many customs and traditions surrounding their roles and events, such as the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

- **Afternoon Tea:** A traditional British custom where people gather to enjoy tea, scones, sandwiches, and pastries.
- **Bonfire Night:** A holiday celebrated on November 5th, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, where people light bonfires and fireworks to commemorate the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605.
- **Boxing Day:** A holiday celebrated on December 26th, where people exchange gifts and enjoy a day off work to recover from Christmas celebrations.
- **Pantomime:** A type of musical comedy that is popular during the holiday season, featuring slapstick humor, audience participation, and familiar fairy tale or folklore characters.

#### **CR:**

- **Easter Traditions:** Many Czechs celebrate Easter by painting eggs, baking Easter cakes, and visiting family and friends.
- **St. Nicholas Day:** On December 6th, St. Nicholas, accompanied by an angel and a devil, visits homes to reward well-behaved children with sweets and small gifts and reprimand naughty children with coal or potatoes.
- **Christmas Traditions:** Christmas is a major holiday in the CR, celebrated with a traditional Christmas Eve dinner, featuring carp soup and fried carp, and the lighting of candles on the Christmas tree.
- **May Day:** On May 1st, Czechs celebrate the arrival of spring with bonfires, music, and dancing.
- **Czech Beer Culture:** The Czech Republic has a strong beer culture, with many traditional breweries, beer festivals, and a long history of beer brewing.