



February Feasts Around the World

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Ages: 4-12 (estimate)

Theme: Combination entertainment/craft model

This rhymed treasure hunt was created for use during the month of February.

The hunt consists of six clues rhyming their way around the globe* to learn about feasts held mostly during the month of February (some begin late in January or others extend into March depending on the year and location).

The clues can be used in two ways:

- 1) all six clues in a single hunt, completing all or some of the tasks/crafts at the end, or
- 2) divide clues and accomplish one or more per day at your convenience throughout the month, completing any tasks/crafts as you go

*For educational benefit, it might be useful to have an atlas or wall map available to look up the places mentioned as you come to them in the clues.

Links to more information or ideas for optional activities are found on a separate task/activity sheet which is to be hidden as indicated. You are encouraged to review these ahead of time to gather supplies for any activity you plan to pursue. If you are doing only one clue at a time to spread the fun out over several days, be sure to keep subsequent clues safe until needed.

An adult or older child needs to place task activity sheets/additional clues prior to beginning the hunt - preferably without being seen!

List of feasts/clues in order from 1-6

Chinese New Year - China (movable between Jan 21-Feb 20)

Groundhog Day - USA & Canada (February 2)

Valentine's Day –Varies around the world (February 14)

Carnavale – Italy & Many more (movable – around Fat Tuesday)

Argunga - Nigeria (mid-February)

Art Deco Weekend - New Zealand (3rd weekend)

Clue #1

(To be read aloud to start the hunt)



The shortest month, it's safe to say,
goes quicker than the rest
But that's no reason it can't be
among the very best
I've got some clues that make a
hunt – around the world we go
To stop where people celebrate –
and find out what they know
We'll start with New Year's – China
style – where you can see parades
Of dragon figures, sparklers too –
all kinds of escapades

Each year is dedicated to an animal they say
And many superstitions are upheld to mark this day
Bright red is the main color that is used to decorate
Now look for your next task or clue where you would find a plate



Task/ Activity Resource #1

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed [see below] - between or near plates)

Chinese New Year 2017 — Traditions, Activities, Day-By-Day Guide

<http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/special-report/chinese-new-year/>

This page includes many fun facts, a day by day guide, and an online greeting card.

Crafts and Activities for the Chinese New Year

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/chinesenewyear/>

This page includes a wide variety of educational & fun activity pages for you to print.

(If you are doing the entire hunt at one time, hide clue #2 with this sheet.)

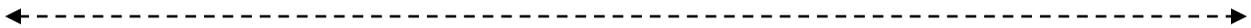
Clue #2

(To be hidden with task resource #1 if entire hunt done together or read aloud if used separately)



Quite early in this month we find a
day to have some fun
It comes with just a little tale about
what must be done
A groundhog up in Punxsutawney
comes out of the ground
And looks to see his shadow in the
spaces all around
If clouds are heavy overhead and
shadow can't be seen
Then spring arrives just four weeks
later on a happy scene

But if the sun is shining and his shadow stands out clear
Then *six* more weeks of winter must be felt 'til spring appears
I don't believe it's scientific - though sometimes it's right
Please look for your next task or clue where you might find a light



Task/Activity Resource #2

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed - near or around any light)

Hand Shadow Puppetry

<http://etc.usf.edu/clipart/galleries/266-hand-shadow-puppetry>

This page includes fifteen (15) different hand shadow puppetry shapes to try.

Shadow Puppet Printables

<http://www.100directions.com/shadow-puppet-printable-play-sets/>

This page includes three (3) pages of figures to print, cut, and attach to sticks.

(If you are doing the entire hunt at one time, hide clue #3 with this sheet.)

Clue #3

(To be hidden with task resource #2 if entire hunt done together or read aloud if used separately)



When sweethearts look for candy
and some flowers as a treat
When lashes flutter-flutter for the
one we'd like to meet
It means we're nearing Valentine's,
a feast from long ago
When love is near, and Cupid flies,
with arrows in his bow
It started back in Roman days and
still we celebrate
When you've got someone that you
love it often turns out great

But just in case you're lonely or you think you're kind of shy
Or Valentine's seems silly 'cause you're just a little guy
Remember love is special all year round and through and through
Please look for your next task or clue in someone's empty shoe



Task/Activity Resource #3

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed - inside someone's empty shoe)

Create Your Own Valentine's Day Poem

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/news/how-to-write-a-roses-are-red-valentines-day-poem/>

This page includes a short step by step guide to writing your own poem.

23 Easy Valentine's Day Crafts That Require No Special Skills Whatsoever

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/27/easy-valentines-day-crafts-for-kids_n_6518196.html

This page includes twenty-three (23) cute and unique ideas for Valentine's crafts.

(If you are doing the entire hunt at one time, hide clue #4 with this sheet.)

Clue #4

(To be hidden with task resource #3 if entire hunt done together or read aloud if used separately)



Glittered masks and beads for
throwing all along the route
Great parades with floats and fun is
what it's all about
Many countries celebrate this
glitzy, shiny feast
New Orleans a ways down South is
not among the least
Some folks call it Mardi Gras and
really it's the same
Different countries 'round the
world will give it their own name

It's a time for getting ready for the Lenten days
Right before Fat Tuesday and return to leaner ways
Fancy costumes, fun for wearing, crowns and good king cake,
Your next task or clue is found where supper's known to bake

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Task/Activity Resource #4

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed - inside a cold oven)

Recipe for King Cake

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/8144/mardi-gras-king-cake/>

This page includes a recipe for king cake (ingredients not included) .

Mardi Gras Crafts

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/mardi-gras-crafts>

This page includes a variety of crafts for Mardi Gras.

(If you are doing the entire hunt at one time, hide clue #5 with this sheet.)

Clue #5

(To be hidden with task resource #4 if entire hunt done together or read aloud if used separately)



Travel now to Africa to find
Argungu fest
It happens in Nigeria (maybe
quite a quest?)
Matan Fada river is the place
for gathering
Home to fishing festival which
joy and commerce brings
People have *one hour* to compete
for largest prize
All jump in together (to the
fishes' great surprise)

Some catch fish with just bare hands while others may use gear
Thousands in the water seeking biggest fish - oh dear!
Wrestling matches, arrow contests; oh, and drum beats sound
Find next task or clue near water source - look all around

Task/Activity Resource #5

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed - near a water source, tap, or hose)

More Information about Argungu Fest History

<http://hubpages.com/sports/Argungu-Fishing-Festival-A-festival-of-Extreme-hand-fishing-fun-and-Entertainment>

<http://www.airkhaleej.com/argungu.html>

These pages give background about how this festival.

How to Hollow Out a Calabash

<http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-clean-a-hardshell-gourd/>

This page includes instructions on how to hollow out hard shell gourds.

(If you are doing the entire hunt at one time, hide clue #6 with this sheet.)

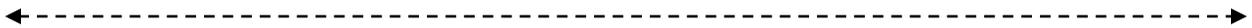
Clue #6

(To be hidden with task resource #5 if entire hunt done together or read aloud if used separately)



Celebrated 'round the world
we are New Zealand bound
To talk about Art Deco - and
to see what can be found
Downtown buildings after
earthquake, rebuilt & reflecting
Tourists flocking there to see
in Napier and Hastings
One weekend in February
travel there to find
Architecture's beauty of a most
distinctive kind

Maybe there's a structure like this near or in *your* town
Famous art worth knowing about - 'fore they tear it down!
Beauty, it has long been said, is in each eye's beholder
Your last tasking for this hunt is hidden in a folder.



Task/Activity Resource #6

(Hide this - or worksheets you have already printed - inside a folder left laying around)

Art Deco Trust - Napier, New Zealand

<http://www.artdeconapier.com/>

This page has a lot of pictures of both businesses and private residences in this style.

Art Deco Retro Card Craft

<http://www.crayola.com/crafts/art-deco-retro-cards-craft/>

This page includes brief instructions on how to make an art deco card & envelope.