

Cartoons for the Classroom



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Does it matter if it's happy or merry?



Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune / Courtesy of Cagle.com

1. What do these cartoons say about the sometimes angry debate over wishing someone a Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays?
2. Which greeting do you prefer? Why?
3. What are the arguments for saying Merry Christmas?
4. What are the arguments for saying Happy Holidays?
5. Is there any evidence that there is a "war" on Christmas?
6. Did you know the Puritans who founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony outlawed celebrating Christmas in 1649?
7. Does fighting over greetings just make the holiday season grim?

Between the lines

"Should I say Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays? I've stopped second-guessing myself because it just doesn't matter." - Jennifer Cole, freelance journalist.

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/merry-christmas-vs-happy-holidays-does-it-even-matter/article_8ef89518-9b99-11ee-a673-cba052cc9b64.html

Additional resources

- [More by Pat Bagley](https://cagle.com/bagley)
- [More by Joe Heller](https://cagle.com/heller)
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