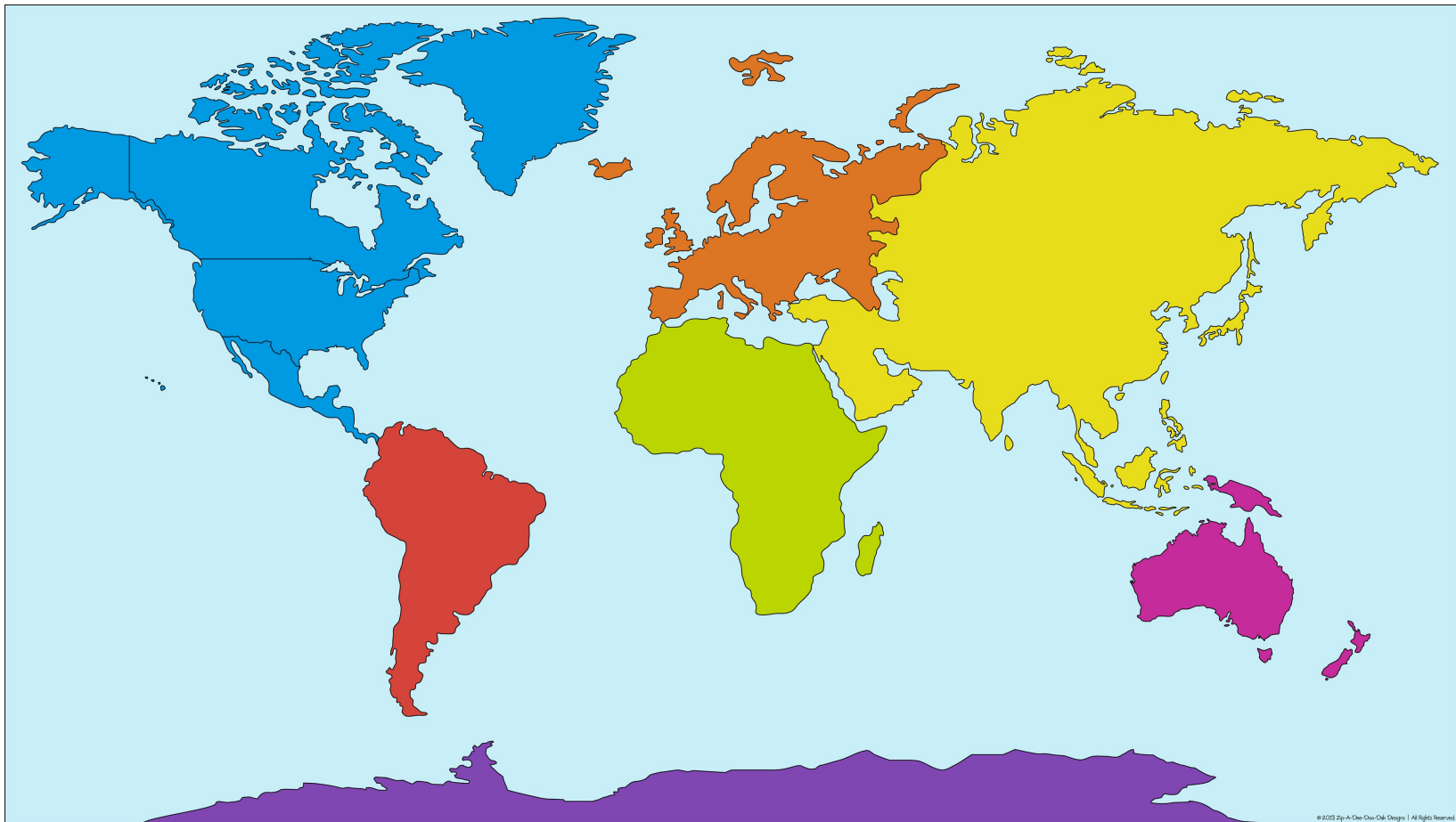
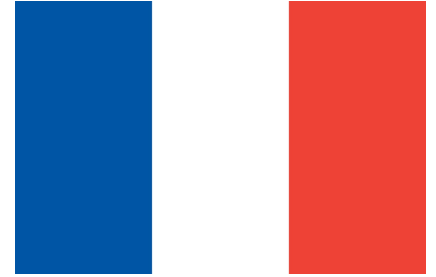


# CHRISTMAS

## IN FRANCE



# HOLIDAY FOOD



**duck confit**



**cheeses**



**foie gras**



**oysters**



# SANTA TRADITIONS

In France, Santa is called Pere Noel. He wears a red coat with white trim. He brings gifts on December 24<sup>th</sup>. He comes to France from the North Pole in a sleigh with reindeer. The children leave their shoes by the fireplace and he fills them with presents and candy.





# TRADITIONS



**bûche de noel**



**crèche**



**13 desserts**



**midnight mass**



# FACTS



When children write their Christmas letters to Pere Noel, he answers them back! He sends a postcard to each child who sends him a letter.



The nativity scenes in France are called crèche. They include Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and many more figures. Some even include entire little villages!



The official end to Christmas season in France is January 6<sup>th</sup>. They make a special cake with a hidden small object inside. Whoever finds the object gets to be king or queen for the day!

