The Kwanzaa Tradition…Pronoun Review

Name ________________________  Date _______________

Directions:  Fill in the pronouns for the following reading about Kwanzaa. Answer the questions at the end of the story.

The holiday of Kwanzaa is the traditional focus of the values of the African American family. It is held from December 26th to January 1st. Many people believe that ___________ is a substitute for Christmas, but ___________ is not. The name "Kwanzaa" means first fruits of the harvest. ___________ is celebrated by more than eighteen million people. ___________ celebrates community. The holiday was celebrated by Dr. Karenga in 1966, and ___________ added an "a" to the end of the spelling to demonstrate the difference between this word and the word meaning the motherland. For Kwanzaa, seven candles are lit. ___________ are lit one day at a time. The African Americans who celebrate Kwanzaa decorate their house and give gifts. ___________ decorate their houses with candles and other original African items.

1.  What is Kwanzaa?
2.  Is Kwanzaa the same as Christmas or Chanukah?
3.  How do you spell the name for the African motherland?
4.  When is Kwanzaa?
5.  How many candles do people use in the celebration?

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