

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS DEBATE

Name:

Date:

Essential Question: Is *The Nightmare Before Christmas* a Halloween movie or a Christmas movie?

Evidence for Halloween

Evidence for Christmas



DEFEND YOUR CLAIM!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below to write a CER (Claim-Evidence-Reasoning) paragraph defending your claim about which holiday *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is about: Halloween or Christmas?

I believe *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a _____ film because _____
_____.

This is evident in the movie when (cite an example from your notes) _____
_____.

This shows that the film is clearly about _____ because (explain) _____
_____.

Another example in the film that supports this viewing is when (cite another example) _____
_____.

If _____, then _____.

Given these examples, it is obvious that *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is a film about
_____.

