

Interesting facts (history about Santa Claus)

1. Do you know about the origin of Santa Claus?

According to documented evidence, [Saint Nicholas](#) was a [bishop](#) in the fourth century in [Turkey](#). “Saint Nicholas was renowned for his kindness.” He always served people who were needy and unhappy. “The American version of ‘Saint Nicholas’ is ‘Santa Claus’.”

2. The word “Santa Claus” originated from which language?

The word ‘Santa Claus’ originated from the Dutch word ‘Sinterklaas’. Traditionally, Sinterklaas was a lean person who wore a bishop’s hat and robe. The figure of Sinterklaas is based on the 4th-century Greek bishop Saint Nicholas. He was traditionally shown wearing the elaborate robes and miter (hat) of a bishop.

3. Who invented the modern illustration of Santa Claus?

[Thomas Nast](#) was responsible for the modern illustration of Santa Claus. His illustration was inspired by Saint Nicholas and the poem “[’Twas the Night Before Christmas](#).”

4. Who brought the tradition of Santa Claus to the United States of America?

It was Dutch immigrants who brought the tradition of Sinterklaas to the United States of America in the seventeenth century.

5. Did Santa Claus appear in an advertisement?

In 1931, Santa Claus appeared in an advertisement shown by the Coca-Cola company that ran in famous magazines like [The Saturday Evening Post](#). [Haddon Sundblom](#) was the illustrator who created a friendly, plump, and human Santa.

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