

# Holiday Hoopla 2020

## **Not Morse Code**

Answer: HANUKKAHLIGHTS

If you REALLY want to know, this puzzle was written 90% out of spite. We've tried solving puzzles with morse code SO MANY TIMES, but that's rarely ever the solution (this is @ a crossword-esque puzzle that we never solved but spent WAY too long working on). So, Vivi initially set out with the idea of writing something that was solved with morse code. But that was kind of boring.

The responses to this puzzle were so mixed--people either loved it or hated it, but there was no in between.

So, we started by adding the morse code touch to this puzzle, just as a little tip of the hat to any teams who tried using morse code to solve it. When you take each black square as one unit, and then take each row to be its own letter, it spells out "WE TOLD YOU SO."

Now we were tasked with making this into an actual puzzle. We wanted to use morse code elements, so here's how you get the ACTUAL answer:

You add all the numbers in each row, except the numbers immediately after a block of three black squares. The numbers you get, when converted to letters (A=1, B=2, C=3, ..., Z=26), spell out "HANUKKAHLIGHTS" (which is not a clue phrase--sorry to everyone who thought it was!).