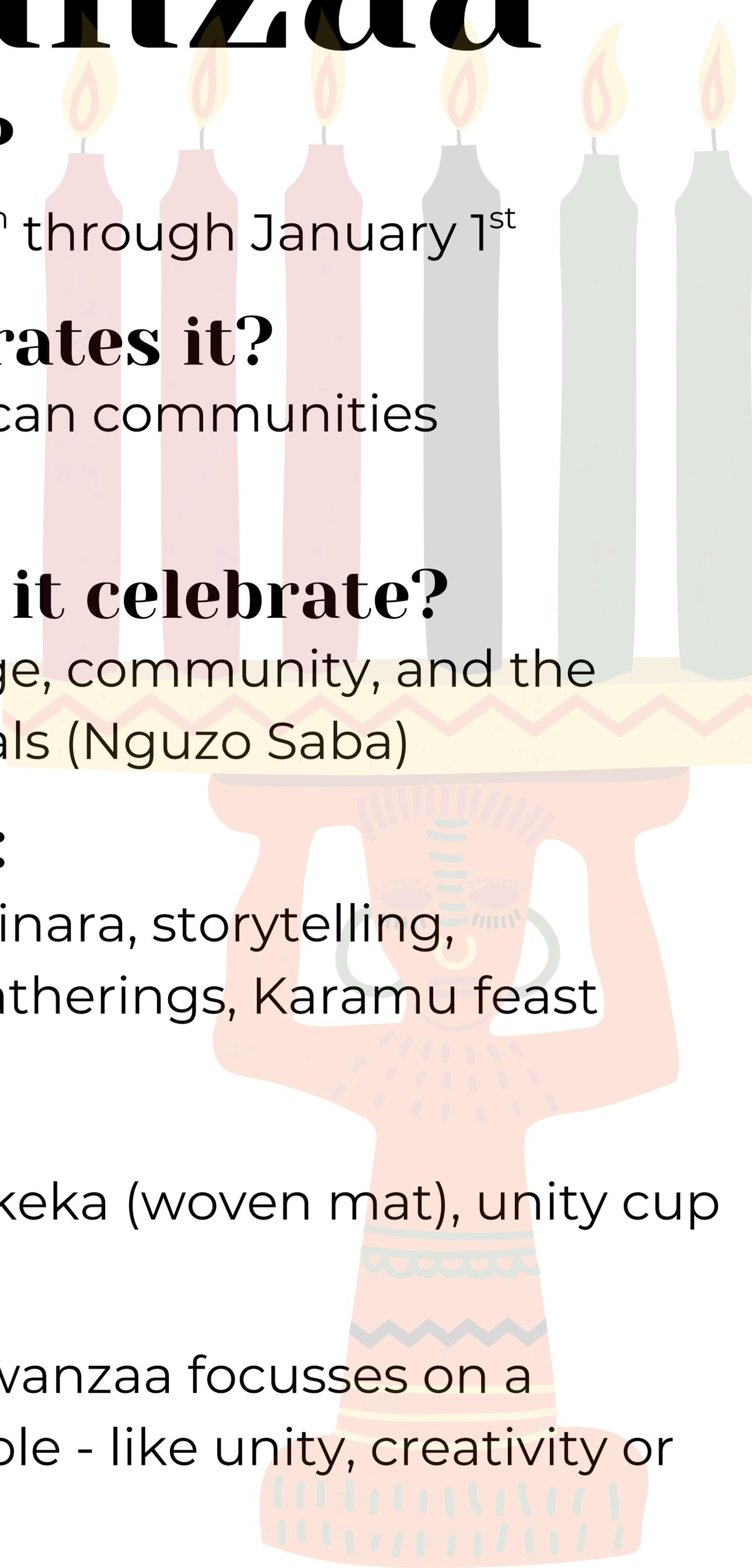


Kwanzaa

A decorative illustration of a Kinara, a traditional Kwanzaa candle holder. It features seven lit candles: three red, one black, and three green, arranged in a row on a yellow and white patterned mat. The Kinara itself is a light brown, tiered structure with intricate patterns and a wide, textured base.

When is it?

December 26th through January 1st

Who celebrates it?

African American communities and cultures

What does it celebrate?

African heritage, community, and the Seven Principals (Nguzo Saba)

Traditions:

Lighting the Kinara, storytelling, community gatherings, Karamu feast

Symbols:

Kinara, the mkeka (woven mat), unity cup

Fun fact:

Each day of Kwanzaa focusses on a specific principle - like unity, creativity or purpose.