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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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**School’s greenhouse beginning to look like Christmas**

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Use the article titled:

**School’s greenhouse beginning to look like Christmas.**

1. Where is Newark FFA located?
2. Name three things students learned raising poinsettias in the greenhouse.
3. How do students make poinsettias more colorful?
4. Explain where the poinsettia flower is located and include where the color of the plant comes from.
5. What caused a supply issue for poinsettias this school year for the Newark FFA?
6. Explain how students learn more than production from this greenhouse activity.
7. Of the student experiences listed for the Newark FFA, which would be the most appealing for you and why?

Answer Key

1. Newark is located in Kendall County, this is southwest of Chicago
2. Answers should include: steps needed to get poinsettias to turn color at desired times, plant nutrient requirements, how to identify diseases and insects.
3. Adjusting the temperature in the greenhouse will brighten poinsettia color.
4. The poinsettia flowers are actually tiny yellow flower that are surrounded by brightly colored modified leaves or bracts.
5. The former supplier stopped carrying poinsettias and switched to industrial hemp as the demand for that product increased.
6. Marketing and presentation are a big part of this activity. Additionally, ordering procedures, monitoring cash flow and other business operations would play a part in the activity.
7. Answers will vary, but the Haunted Corn Maze, the Toy Show, raising poinsettias and planning for bedding plants should present students with a variety of topics to write about.