

Festival Traditions: A Celebration of Community

Learning objective: To understand the significance of symbols, light, and shared practices within religious and cultural festivals.

Use this sheet to design a scene that represents the meaning of a festival. Think about how light, food, and family are used to show gratitude or remembrance. Use the word bank to label your masterpiece.

Draw: Create a detailed, vibrant scene of a festival celebration. The style should be illustrative and warm. Include a central focal point representing light, a gathering of people involved in a ritual action (such as offering, feasting, or dancing), and decorative patterns in the background that reflect the culture of the festival. Use rich colors to show the atmosphere.



Label words: Symbol · Reflection · Community · Tradition · Celebration · Gratitude · Heritage

Steps:

1. Step 1: In the center of your drawing, illustrate a 'symbol of light' (such as a lantern, candle, or diya) that represents hope. Label this symbol.
2. Step 2: Draw two people sharing a traditional meal. Why is sharing food an important part of many festivals? Explain your reasoning.
3. Step 3: List three items in your drawing that represent your chosen festival's history or heritage.

4. Compare and contrast: How does the use of color in your festival scene help communicate a specific mood, such as joy or solemnity?
5. Justify your answer: Why do you think communities place such importance on repeating the same rituals every year?
6. What might happen if a community stopped celebrating their traditional festivals? Predict the effect on their collective identity.