

Festival Traditions and Symbolism

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate the symbolic elements, rituals, and community aspects of festivals from different world religions.

Use this sheet to design a detailed scene representing a festival of your choice. Think about the sensory details: the colours, the special foods, the traditional clothing, and the objects used during the celebration. Use the word bank to label your drawing accurately.

Draw: Create a detailed illustration of a festival scene. Use a realistic or illustrative style. Include: 1) A central focal point (e.g., a decorated table, a shrine, or a street procession). 2) Figures wearing traditional festival attire. 3) Specific objects associated with the festival (e.g., lanterns, special food, or candles). Ensure the scene shows a clear sense of community and atmosphere.



Label words: Symbol · Ritual · Community · Offering · Celebration · Tradition · Sacred object · Festival attire

Steps:

1. Step 1: Choose a festival and draw the central setting. Label the primary 'Symbol' used in your scene.
2. Step 2: Add characters to your drawing participating in a specific 'Ritual'. Describe what they are doing.
3. Explain why symbols are so important to festivals. How do they help people feel connected to their heritage?

4. Compare and contrast how two different festivals might use light as a symbolic element. Justify your answer.
5. What might happen to the meaning of a festival if all the traditional symbols were removed? Explain your reasoning.
6. If you were to design a new festival to celebrate the environment, what one 'Sacred object' would you choose to represent it and why?