

Festival Fact-File: A Celebration of Culture

Learning objective: To research and describe a religious or cultural festival, explaining its significance, traditions, and the values it represents.

Choose a festival you have studied. Use this template to organise your research. Ensure you explain not just what happens, but why it is important to the people who celebrate it. Use the word bank to help develop your answers with sophisticated vocabulary.

Word bank: tradition · significance · commemoration · community · values · ritual · symbolism · heritage · observance · festivity

1. Name of the festival and the community that celebrates it: [State the festival name and the group or faith associated with it.] (2 marks)

2. The Origin Story: [Explain the historical or religious event being commemorated. Why is this event remembered?] (4 marks)

3. Key Traditions and Rituals: [Describe the specific activities, foods, or clothing involved. How do these reflect the festival's meaning?] (4 marks)

4. Values and Significance: [Explain why this festival is important to the community today. What values (e.g. gratitude, peace, remembrance) does it promote?] (4 marks)

5. Compare and Contrast: [Compare this festival to another one you have learned about. How are their themes similar or different?] (6 marks)

6. Justify your answer: [If you were to create a new, modern festival to celebrate the importance of protecting the planet, what traditions would you include and why?] (6 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a letter to Ellie the Elephant. Describe one aspect of your chosen festival that you think she would find most fascinating to store in her memory, and explain why this tradition is vital to preserve for future generations.