Celebrations and Stories

Identify celebrations from their history and tell how one began.

SS24.1.12c "Identify festivals and observances celebrated in the community and state, and describe their historical origins."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FIND IT

a	**Kwanzaa**	**Juneteenth**	**Hanukkah**
b	**Juneteenth**	**Hanukkah**	**Kwanzaa**
c	**Hanukkah**	**Kwanzaa**	**Juneteenth**

2 LINK HISTORIES

Juneteenth	•	•	**Temple**
Kwanzaa	•	•	**Texas**
Hanukkah	•	•	**Culture**

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Check which featured celebrations are observed in your community or state, and share a local connection before using the sheet. Read each clue and set of choices aloud. Listen to each student's explanation of one match to check whether they can tell how the celebration began.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · FIND IT

SAY "Listen to the history clue for each row. I will read the three names. Circle the celebration that fits the clue."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Kwanzaa, Juneteenth, Hanukkah. In 1865, soldiers in Texas told enslaved people they were free. Which celebration began with this news? Circle its name.	**Juneteenth**
b	Juneteenth, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa. In 1966, a new celebration began to honor African American culture and family. Which celebration is it? Circle its name.	**Kwanzaa**
c	Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Juneteenth. Long ago, Jewish people celebrated when they could use their temple in Jerusalem again. Which celebration remembers this event? Circle its name.	**Hanukkah**

PART 2 · LINK HISTORIES

SAY "I will read the names on the left: Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah. The words on the right are Temple, Texas, Culture. Draw lines to match each celebration to a word from its history, then tell me how one celebration began."

- **Juneteenth** matches **Texas**
- **Kwanzaa** matches **Culture**
- **Hanukkah** matches **Temple**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle answers, in order: Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah. Match Juneteenth to Texas, Kwanzaa to Culture, and Hanukkah to Temple. For the oral response, accept an accurate explanation of how any one celebration began, not just its matching word.