Harvest Day Stories

Read about a town celebration and why its customs matter.

2.H.4 "Identify and describe community celebrations, symbols, and traditions, and explain why they are important."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the name of the celebration and why it matters, circle the symbol and what it means, and write 1 by the tradition and 2 by why it matters.

A Town's Harvest Day

1. Each fall, a town holds Harvest Day at its park. Families meet to thank the people who grow food nearby. Farmers bring baskets of apples and squash. The day helps neighbors feel connected to the place they share.

2. At the gate, children hang paper apples on a sign. The apple is a symbol of the town's nearby orchards. It helps visitors remember the farmers and the work it takes to grow food.

3. Every year, neighbors trade cards with family recipes. This is a Harvest Day tradition. Some people share stories about who first made the food at home. The cards help families keep old recipes and learn about one another.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What do people do at Harvest Day, and why is the day important to the town?

2. What does the paper apple stand for, and why do children put it on the sign?

3. What Harvest Day tradition do neighbors share, and why does it matter?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of a real or made-up celebration for your community. In three sentences, name the celebration, describe one symbol and one tradition, and tell why each is important.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the name of the celebration and why it matters, circle the symbol and what it means, and write 1 by the tradition and 2 by why it matters. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do people do at Harvest Day, and why is the day important to the town?	**They meet at the park to thank local food growers. The day helps neighbors feel connected.**
2	What does the paper apple stand for, and why do children put it on the sign?	**It stands for nearby orchards and reminds visitors of farmers and their work.**
3	What Harvest Day tradition do neighbors share, and why does it matter?	**They trade family recipe cards. This helps families keep recipes and learn about one another.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our neighborhood holds River Day to care for the stream. A blue ribbon is our symbol because it stands for clean water. Each year, we pick up litter along the stream so animals have a safer home.

Accept other passage-based wording for the short answers. For Your Turn, accept real or made-up celebrations if the three sentences explain why both the symbol and tradition matter.