

Values We Show

Find how American symbols, customs, and celebrations show important values.

2.11.E "identify how selected symbols, customs, and celebrations reflect an American love of individualism, inventiveness, and freedom."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell about freedom, circle words that tell about inventiveness, and write a small 1 by words that tell about individualism.

American Values in Action

- ① In New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty holds a torch. It was a gift from France and was dedicated in 1886. The statue is a symbol of freedom. Its torch reminds people that the United States welcomes people who hope to live free.
- ② On the Fourth of July, many communities hold parades, share meals, and watch fireworks. This celebration remembers July 4, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was adopted. People celebrate the country's freedom to govern itself, rather than be ruled by another country.
- ③ Americans also honor inventors at school invention fairs and in museums. An inventor may test a new idea and make changes. This custom shows inventiveness. When people share their own ideas and choices, it also shows individualism.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How does the Statue of Liberty show freedom? Use one detail from the passage.

2 How does the Fourth of July celebration reflect freedom?

3 How does honoring inventors show inventiveness and individualism?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose an American symbol, custom, or celebration not named in the passage. Write two sentences that name it and explain how it shows individualism, inventiveness, or freedom.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell about freedom, circle words that tell about inventiveness, and write a small 1 by words that tell about individualism. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How does the Statue of Liberty show freedom? Use one detail from the passage.	Its torch reminds people that the United States welcomes people who hope to live free.
2	How does the Fourth of July celebration reflect freedom?	It celebrates the country's freedom to govern itself instead of being ruled by another country.
3	How does honoring inventors show inventiveness and individualism?	Inventors test new ideas and make changes, which shows inventiveness. Sharing their own ideas and choices shows individualism.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The American flag is a symbol of freedom. People fly it to show love for the country's liberties.

Accept equivalent passage details that correctly connect each example to freedom, inventiveness, or individualism. For Your Turn, accept a factual American example and a clear explanation of at least one value.