

Celebration Clues

Compare dates, activities, and purposes.

2.12.B "compare ethnic and/or cultural celebrations."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB In paragraph 1, underline the two sentences that tell when the celebrations happen. In paragraph 2, circle the three Lunar New Year activities and draw a box around the three Día de los Muertos activities to compare them.

Two Family Celebrations

- ① Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian communities. Its date is based on a lunar calendar, so it changes each year. Día de los Muertos is a Mexican celebration held on November 1 and 2 each year.
- ② During Lunar New Year, families may share a reunion meal, give red envelopes, and watch parades. During Día de los Muertos, families may visit graves, make altars for loved ones, and share stories about people who died.
- ③ Both celebrations bring families together and honor important connections. Lunar New Year welcomes a new year and wishes for good fortune. Día de los Muertos remembers loved ones who have died. Each celebration has its own traditions, dates, and purpose.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How are the dates of the two celebrations different?

2 Tell one activity families may do during Lunar New Year and one activity they may do during Día de los Muertos.

3 How are the celebrations alike? Then tell how their purposes are different.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose two cultural or family celebrations you know. Write three sentences: name both celebrations, tell one way they are alike, and tell one way they are different.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

In paragraph 1, underline the two sentences that tell when the celebrations happen. In paragraph 2, circle the three Lunar New Year activities and draw a box around the three Día de los Muertos activities to compare them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the dates of the two celebrations different?	Lunar New Year changes each year because it is based on a lunar calendar. Día de los Muertos is held on November 1 and 2 each year.
2	Tell one activity families may do during Lunar New Year and one activity they may do during Día de los Muertos.	Answers may include: Lunar New Year families share a reunion meal, give red envelopes, or watch parades. Día de los Muertos families visit graves, make altars, or share stories.
3	How are the celebrations alike? Then tell how their purposes are different.	Both bring families together and honor important connections. Lunar New Year welcomes a new year and wishes for good fortune, while Día de los Muertos remembers loved ones who died.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Diwali and Hanukkah are two cultural celebrations. Both can include lights and time with family. Diwali has diyas, and Hanukkah has a hanukkah.

Accept accurate comparisons stated in the passage, including any one listed activity for each celebration. For Your Turn, accept any two celebrations with one clear similarity and one clear difference.