

Celebrations Tell Stories

Find how celebrations connect people, traditions, and communities.

3.10.A “explain the significance of various ethnic and/or cultural celebrations in the local community and other communities; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that explain why each celebration matters to people or a community.
Circle one detail that shows how a visitor can be respectful.

Two Celebrations, Many Connections

- ① In the town of Riverbend, many families celebrate Lunar New Year. The celebration welcomes a new year on a lunar calendar. Families may clean their homes, share a reunion meal, and give children red envelopes. These actions can show respect for family and hopes for good luck. A community center holds a festival where neighbors watch lion dances and learn about the holiday.
- ② In a nearby city, people gather for Diwali, a festival celebrated by many Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists. Homes and public spaces may shine with lamps or lights. The lights symbolize the victory of light over darkness. Families visit, share foods, and may give gifts. For many people, Diwali is a time to reflect, celebrate hope, and strengthen ties with family and friends.
- ③ Celebrations can be shared respectfully even when neighbors do not celebrate them at home. At Riverbend's Lunar New Year festival, visitors can listen to speakers and follow event rules. At a Diwali gathering, visitors can ask polite questions and enjoy invited activities. Learning why a celebration matters helps people understand traditions that are important to others. It can also help a community welcome many cultures.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What do the Lunar New Year actions in paragraph 1 show?

2 What do the lights at Diwali symbolize?

3 How does the Riverbend community center festival help neighbors understand Lunar New Year?

4 Why can respectful visiting at celebrations be important to the whole community?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a cultural or ethnic celebration in your community or another community. Write three sentences: name one activity, explain why the celebration is meaningful, and tell one respectful way a visitor can take part.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that explain why each celebration matters to people or a community. Circle one detail that shows how a visitor can be respectful. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What do the Lunar New Year actions in paragraph 1 show?	They can show respect for family and hopes for good luck.
2	What do the lights at Diwali symbolize?	They symbolize the victory of light over darkness.
3	How does the Riverbend community center festival help neighbors understand Lunar New Year?	Neighbors can watch lion dances and learn about the holiday.
4	Why can respectful visiting at celebrations be important to the whole community?	It helps people understand traditions that are important to others and can help the community welcome many cultures.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

At a Juneteenth celebration in my community, people share music, food, and history. It is meaningful because it commemorates freedom and the end of slavery in the United States. Visitors can listen respectfully and join activities when invited.

Accept accurate examples of a cultural or ethnic celebration and a clear explanation of why it matters. The respectful action should fit the celebration and may include listening, asking polite questions, or joining invited activities.