

One Celebration, Two Communities

Compare how a cultural celebration is shared and shaped by place.

3.10.B “compare ethnic and/or cultural celebrations in the local community with other communities.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two details that are the same in both celebrations. Circle two details that are different, so you can compare the communities.

Lunar New Year in Two Places

- ① In Riverton, families gather at the community center for a Lunar New Year celebration. Volunteers hang red paper decorations and set out tables for a shared meal. Children watch lion dancers move to drumbeats, then make greeting cards. Lunar New Year marks the start of a new year in many East and Southeast Asian cultures. People may visit relatives and wish one another good luck.
- ② In San Francisco, California, Lunar New Year events are often held in Chinatown. A large parade can include lion dancers, dragon dancers, marching groups, and music. Many people watch from the streets. Shops and groups may give out red envelopes or small treats. Like the Riverton event, the celebration brings people together and uses red decorations. The San Francisco parade is much larger and takes place outdoors.
- ③ Both communities celebrate Lunar New Year with people, music or dancing, red decorations, and good wishes. These shared parts help people welcome the new year and connect with others. The events are not exactly alike. Riverton's celebration is inside a community center and includes card making. San Francisco's celebration has a street parade with more groups. Comparing the events shows how one cultural celebration can look different in different communities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What are two ways the Riverton and San Francisco celebrations are alike?

2 How is the place for the Riverton celebration different from the place for the San Francisco celebration?

3 Name one activity at the Riverton event and one activity at the San Francisco event that are different.

4 Why do the shared parts of the two celebrations matter, according to the passage?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a cultural celebration and two communities where it is celebrated. Write three sentences that name the celebration, tell one similarity, and tell one difference.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two details that are the same in both celebrations. Circle two details that are different, so you can compare the communities. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two ways the Riverton and San Francisco celebrations are alike?	Both use red decorations and bring people together. Both also include music or dancing and good wishes.
2	How is the place for the Riverton celebration different from the place for the San Francisco celebration?	Riverton's celebration is inside a community center. San Francisco's celebration includes an outdoor street parade in Chinatown.
3	Name one activity at the Riverton event and one activity at the San Francisco event that are different.	Riverton children make greeting cards, while San Francisco has a large parade with dragon dancers or marching groups.
4	Why do the shared parts of the two celebrations matter, according to the passage?	They help people welcome the new year and connect with others.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In San Antonio, Texas, Día de los Muertos events may include public altars and parades. In Oaxaca, Mexico, families may build altars and visit cemeteries to remember loved ones. Both communities honor loved ones, but Oaxaca families often visit cemeteries while San Antonio has public parades.

Accept equivalent details from the passage that clearly compare the two communities. For Your Turn, accept any accurate cultural celebration comparison that names two communities and includes one similarity and one difference.