

Texas Celebrations

Identify customs, celebrations, and traditions across Texas communities.

4.17.A “identify customs, celebrations, and traditions of various cultural, regional, and local groups in Texas such as Cinco de Mayo, Oktoberfest, and Fiesta San Antonio; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the name of each celebration. Circle words or phrases that tell about customs or traditions at those celebrations.

Sharing Texas Heritage

- ① Texas is home to people whose families came from many places. Their customs, celebrations, and traditions help communities share history and welcome neighbors. A custom is something people often do. A celebration is a special event. A tradition is an activity passed from one generation to another. In Texas, festivals may include music, food, clothing, parades, and community gatherings.
- ② Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in many Texas communities with Mexican heritage. The date remembers Mexico's 1862 victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla. Events can include Mexican music, dancing, and foods shared with family and neighbors. These activities connect people to Mexican history and culture. A community may choose its own way to celebrate the day.
- ③ Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg reflects German heritage through polka music, German foods, and community activities. Fiesta San Antonio is a local celebration with parades, music, food, and events held by many groups. Fiesta began in 1891, when people honored the heroes of the Alamo and San Jacinto. Today, each event shows how Texans keep traditions while creating new community memories.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which cultural heritage is connected to Cinco de Mayo in Texas? Name two activities people may do at this celebration.

2 What event in Mexican history does Cinco de Mayo remember?

3 What cultural heritage does Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg reflect? Name one custom or activity from the passage.

4 Which celebration in the passage is local to San Antonio? Give two features of that celebration.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a cultural, regional, or local group in Texas. Write exactly three sentences that name one of its customs, celebrations, or traditions, tell who takes part, and explain how it connects people to a culture or community.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the name of each celebration. Circle words or phrases that tell about customs or traditions at those celebrations. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which cultural heritage is connected to Cinco de Mayo in Texas? Name two activities people may do at this celebration.	Mexican heritage. Activities may include Mexican music, dancing, and sharing foods with family and neighbors.
2	What event in Mexican history does Cinco de Mayo remember?	Mexico's 1862 victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla.
3	What cultural heritage does Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg reflect? Name one custom or activity from the passage.	German heritage. Answers may include polka music, German foods, or community activities.
4	Which celebration in the passage is local to San Antonio? Give two features of that celebration.	Fiesta San Antonio. It includes parades, music, food, and events held by many groups.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In Houston, many Chinese American families celebrate Lunar New Year. Families share special meals and may watch lion dances at community events. This tradition connects people with Chinese culture and welcomes a new year.

Accept accurate Texas-based examples that identify a group and a specific custom, celebration, or tradition. The response should state who participates and explain a cultural or community connection in exactly three sentences.