

**Title:** My Own Cultural Traditions

**Subject:** Language Arts

**Grade Level:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Objective:** Students will understand what a cultural tradition is, how one is formed and what cultural events shape their personal lives. Students will understand the importance of differences between different cultural traditions by taking pride in their own family's traditions.

**Method:**

- Initiate a discussion of what a cultural tradition is, how they take form in society and their importance to the members of a certain culture. Talk about how some traditions are combinations of others and that most come from a particular culture. Make sure to establish the differentiation between cultural traits and familial traditions.
- Have students think about their personal traditions by answering the My Cultural Traditions worksheet.
- Have students gather in groups or pairs and present their findings to the other members of group.

**Common Core State Anchor Standards:**

**Key Ideas and Details**

1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.

**Craft and Structure**

4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

### **Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

### **Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity**

10. Read and comprehend complex literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.

## My Cultural Traditions

Each family has a unique set of cultural traditions. Since the United States is made up of a number of cultures, many traditions are practiced throughout the U.S. Even though you may think that everyone's family celebrates in a similar way or eats the same foods, you probably don't. Difference is what makes all cultures unique and special. Share some of the events and practices that make your family unique.

1. What are four holidays your family gathers to celebrate?

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2. What is the best meal your mom or dad makes? Is it made for any particular or special reason? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the best meal one of your grandparents makes? Is it made for any particular or special reason?

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4. What household chores do you have to perform each week?

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5. Where did you go on your most recent family vacation?

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6. What was your favorite vacation you've ever been on?

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7. Think about the last time you were sick. What did you do to make yourself feel better?

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