Cultures and Communities

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet - Challenge Me

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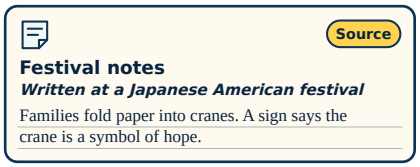
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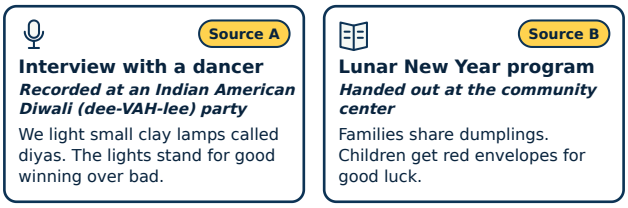
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decide which tradition is best
describe what each source shows
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2. Why might families fold cranes at a festival, not only at home?



because cranes are hard to fold
to share their culture with neighbors
to sell paper to visitors
to keep the tradition a secret

3. Which detail shows that each celebration wishes for good things?



lamps for good over bad; envelopes for luck
parties for friends; programs for guests
dancers for fun; dumplings for lunch
clay for lamps; red for the envelopes

4. The elder says stories are told each winter. What does this detail show?

Source

Interview with an elder

Recorded at a Haudenosaunee (hoe-dee-no-SHOW-nee) gathering

We tell our stories each winter. They teach children how to treat the land and each other.

- The stories are new every year.
- Children may not listen to them.
- The tradition has a special time of year.
- The stories are only about snow.

5. How are the basket makers and the weaver alike?

Source A

Museum label

Beside a basket in a South Carolina museum

Gullah Geechee (GULL-uh GEE-chee) artists sew sweetgrass into baskets. Parents teach children the same stitches.

Source B

Class trip notes

Written at a Navajo weaving show

A weaver showed us a rug. Each pattern takes weeks. She learned it from her grandmother.

- Both make baskets from sweetgrass.
- Both learned their craft from family.
- Both work in South Carolina.
- Both sell their work at a festival.

6. What do both sources show families doing?

Source A

Lunar New Year program

Handed out at the community center

Families share dumplings. Children get red envelopes for good luck.

Source B

Letter from Grandma Rosa

Sent to her grandson in November

I am sending our family's tamale recipe. Every December we make them together.

- lighting clay lamps
- hanging paper banners
- giving red envelopes
- making or sharing food together

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School newsletter

Written after Irish American music night

Musicians played fiddles and tin whistles. They said these tunes came with their families from Ireland.

- by cooking food and by dancing
- by weaving rugs and by sewing baskets
- by writing books and by painting
- by telling stories and by playing tunes

8. Which pair matches each tradition to its meaning?

Source A

Festival notes

Written at a Japanese American festival

Families fold paper into cranes. A sign says the crane is a symbol of hope.

Source B

Interview with a dancer

Recorded at an Indian American Diwali (dee-VAH-lee) party

We light small clay lamps called diyas. The lights stand for good winning over bad.

cranes: hope; lamps: a new year
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9. The weaver said each pattern takes weeks. What does this tell us about the tradition?

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The rugs are made by machines.
It takes great skill and patience.
It is a quick hobby.
Anyone can learn it in a day.

10. Which question can Source A answer, but not Source B?

Source A

Powwow web page

Posted after a summer powwow

Dancers wear clothes with bright beadwork. Drummers keep the beat for the dancers.

Source B

Party program

Handed out at a Mexican American holiday party

Neighbors hang papel picado (pah-PEL pee-KAH-doh): colorful paper banners with cut-out shapes.

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What is papel picado?
What do the dancers wear?
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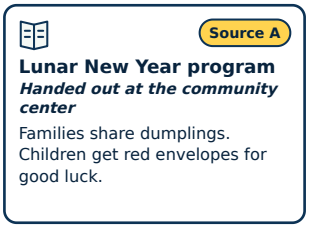
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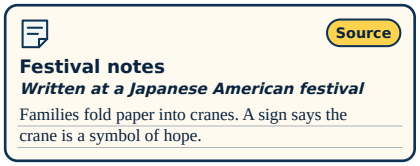
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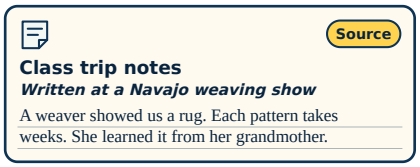
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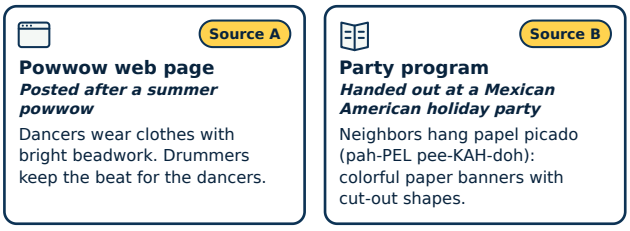
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