

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Celebrations and commemorations have been integrated into all human societies for thousands of years.

They are part of all people's personal and cultural identity.

They can be an annual event, they can be every 1000 years.

They can involve just friends and family or one nation or many nations.

They allow the expression of the full range of emotions, from deep sorrow to great happiness.

ACTIVITY 1

In this activity you are to locate, research and categorise a variety of celebrations into the table below. Try to use a variety of countries and use the headings: cultural, community/local area, religious, international, family and national.

CULTURAL: eg NAIDOC, Chinese New Year	CULTURAL: eg NAIDOC, Chinese New Year
Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: - - -	Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: - - -
RELIGIOUS: eg Ramadan, Christmas	RELIGIOUS: eg Ramadan, Christmas
Country: Name of celebration:	Country: Name of celebration:

Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –	Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –
FAMILY: eg Weddings, Christenings, Birthday	FAMILY: eg Weddings, Christenings, Birthday
Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –	Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –
COMMUNITY/LOCAL AREA: eg fetes, fairs, local shows	COMMUNITY/LOCAL AREA: eg fetes, fairs, local shows
Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –	Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: – – –
INTERNATIONAL: eg International Women's Day, Clean up the World	INTERNATIONAL: eg International Women's Day, Clean up the World
Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: –	Country: Name of celebration: Date held: 3 key points about it: –

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NATIONAL: eg ANZAC Day, Australia Day, Independence Day	NATIONAL: eg ANZAC Day, Australia Day, Independence Day
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ACTIVITY 2

Choosing a commemoration or celebration from a country other than Australia:

1. Design a post card that symbolizes the celebration or commemoration.
2. Write a postcard message to your family or a friend about the celebration, as if you have taken part in it.
3. Include an Internet site in the message for the others to find out more about the celebration.