

Invent a Holiday Student Exploration Guide

Name of invented holiday _____

Date of invented holiday _____

Type of invented holiday
(circle one)

Religious/Cultural: This kind of holidays is strongly connected to some religious or cultural tradition or originates from it. Examples: Christmas, Hanukkah, Eid al-Fitr, Easter, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Halloween, Easter, Kwanzaa, Mardi Gras

Calendar: This kind of holidays celebrates some seasonal or astronomical events. Examples: New Year, Vernal Equinox, Oktoberfest, Groundhog Day.

Historical/Political: This type of holidays commemorates some important political/historical events or symbols. Examples: Thanksgiving, Victory Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Independence Day, Flag Day, Election Day

Personage/Professional/Social: These holidays commemorate great persons, some groups of people that share one profession or occupation or dedicated to people of a particular family role or age group. Examples: Helen Keller Day, Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., International Workers' Day, Administrative Professionals Day, Veteran's Day, Mother's Day, Children's Day, Parents' Day, Father's Day

Celebrants will want to know the purpose of the holiday. What are 3 reasons why people should celebrate your invented holiday?

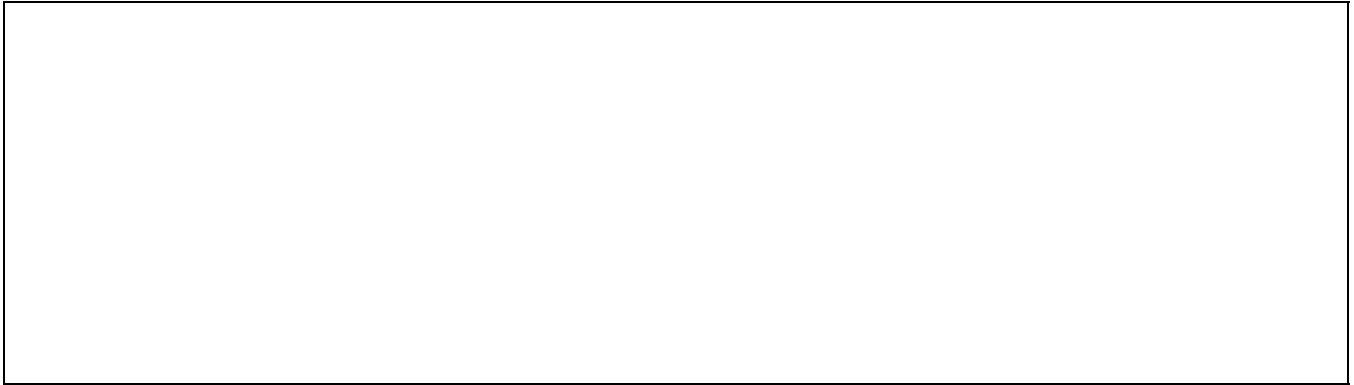
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Each holiday has a series of elements that make it unique. Think about the holiday you've invented and describe as many elements as possible, using words or pictures. Include the meaning behind each symbol you select. Then, circle the three elements you feel are the most important ones to represent the holiday and its meaning.

Holiday Element	Description	Meaning
Objects		
Animals/Insects/Birds		
Vegetation		
Words/Phrases		
Music		
Foods		
People		
Dress		
Symbols		
Colors		
Date		
Events/Activities		

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Think about the customs and beliefs you want to pass down from generation to generation. What activities will take part during your invented holiday that your celebrants will look forward to each year?



On a separate page, draw or use a digital tool to create an invitation, postcard, flier or some other type of visual representation to promote your invented holiday. Be sure to include imagery that represents your holiday's elements.