

# Sharing Harvest Festival Traditions

## Kindness Every Day



**RESPOND** to the kind, welcoming traditions many communities and cultures celebrate during harvest season. Consider the ways people give thanks for and share their crop's bounty. Begin by identifying what is harvested locally and the harvest holidays you and others celebrate to give thanks. How are the arts, including music, dance, decorations, and special foods, woven into these celebrations?



**CONNECT** the harvest traditions you have experienced and studied with those celebrated by others in your school and community. Use this connection chart to write and sketch what you have learned about various harvest festivals. Start with the name of each festival. Sketch or name the foods that are featured at the celebrations (special breads, fish, squash, apples, etc.). Draw a sampling of those festival's decorations (wreaths, cornucopia, flags, candles, etc.). Describe who typically joins the celebration (neighbors, travelers, relatives, and others.) Find patterns on your chart.



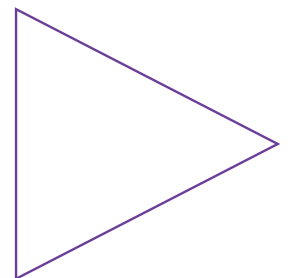
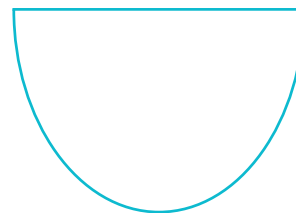
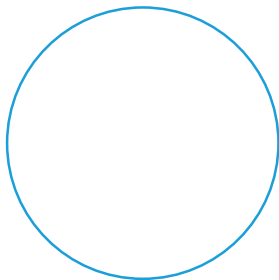
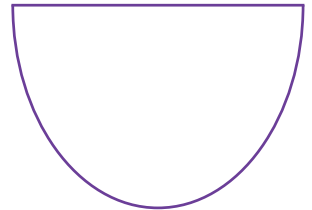
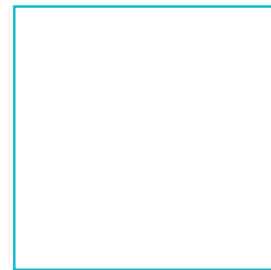
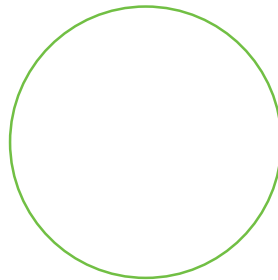
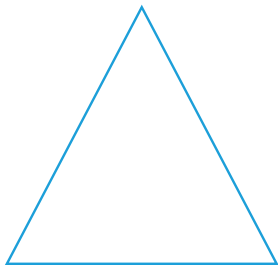
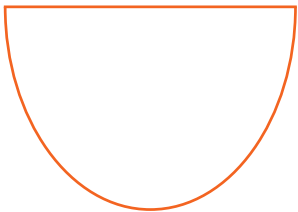
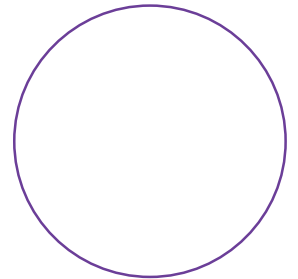
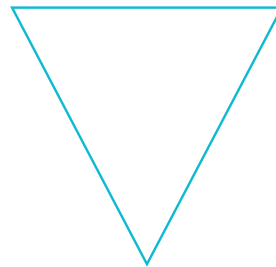
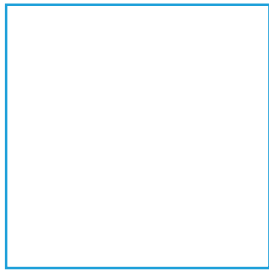
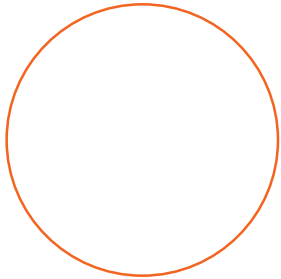
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**FOOD**

**DECORATIONS**

**MUSIC/  
DANCE**

**GUESTS**



**PRESENT** your Harvest Festival connection chart to classmates. Discuss where you see similarities and differences. Cite the evidence your research revealed.

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**CREATE** a festive scene based on the Harvest Festival connections that you and your classmates researched. How will your art radiate a welcoming tone and authentically show many traditions? Include traditional celebration clothing, food guests might bring, musical instruments, and dance.



DRAW A HARVEST FESTIVAL SCENE SHOWING ONE OF THE CELEBRATIONS THAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED OR STUDIED.



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Post the completed scenes where the school community and visitors can enjoy the art and be reminded of the kindness of sharing harvest traditions.