

Learning How Traditions Evolve

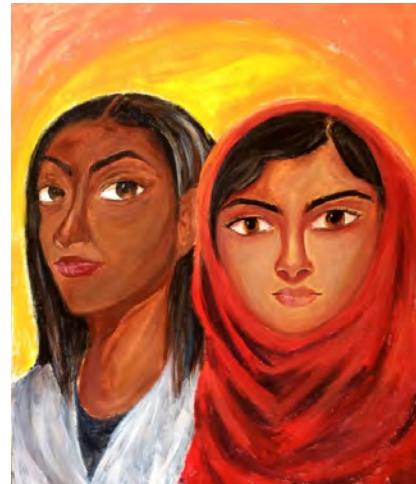
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RESPOND to a situation by asking, "How have advancements in technology impacted family traditions and communication? Has the essence of the tradition stayed the same? What changes do you expect in the future?" Learning about the past helps us prepare for the future.



CONNECT with an older relative or family friend to discuss how traditions guide holiday plans, personal interactions, and daily life (such as food choices). Ask them to share a tradition that you might not be aware of, describe the history behind it, and explain how it has evolved over time. Find out how the tradition was established and why it has meaning or helps connect family and friends. For example, staying in touch with someone far away used to be limited to voice calls which could be expensive, but now we have video group chats that connect us and make us feel like we're not separated by many miles.



CREATE a sketch that shows a tradition you learned about. It might feature a situation a grandparent dealt with years ago that is relevant yet hard to imagine today. Or it might showcase a favorite holiday or family gathering that has evolved due to modern cultural norms or technology.



PRESENT the sketch to family members or friends you connected with. Discuss the tradition you learned about and how it inspired you to more fully understand the past and prepare for the future.