



Culture and Traditions

Essay planning bank: local traditions

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people should learn more about local traditions. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Traditions help us understand our community.'

'They connect young people to older generations.'

'Some traditions feel old-fashioned.'

'We also need to learn about modern life.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: local traditions can include festivals, food, stories and customs Issue: whether they still matter to young people My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: traditions can help students understand their community Reason / example: Extra idea: they may connect young people to older generations Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: some traditions may feel old-fashioned Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: traditions should be taught thoughtfully alongside modern topics Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Your class has recently discussed whether schools should celebrate more cultural festivals. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Festivals make school feel more welcoming.'

'Students learn about other cultures.'

'There are too many to include fairly.'

'Some events may distract from lessons.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: schools often include students from different cultural backgrounds Issue: whether more festivals should be celebrated at school My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: cultural festivals can make school feel more welcoming Reason / example: Extra idea: students may learn about cultures beyond their own Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: it can be difficult to include festivals fairly Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should choose a balanced range of meaningful events Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

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Essay planning bank: traditional food

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether traditional food should be protected and promoted. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Traditional recipes are part of our identity.'

'Food can teach us about history.'

'Young people prefer modern food.'

'Some dishes are not very healthy.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: traditional food can show history, identity and family life Issue: whether it should be actively promoted My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: traditional recipes can be part of cultural identity Reason / example: Extra idea: food can help people learn about history Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: some young people may prefer modern food Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: traditional food should be promoted while still encouraging healthy choices Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

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Essay planning bank: global culture

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Your class has recently discussed whether global culture is more important than local culture. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Global culture helps us connect with the world.'

'It prepares students for travel and work.'

'Local culture can be forgotten.'

'People should not lose their own identity.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: young people are exposed to both local and global culture Issue: which type of culture should be given more attention My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: global culture can help students connect with the wider world Reason / example: Extra idea: it may prepare them for travel, study and work Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: local culture can be forgotten if it is ignored Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: students should learn about global culture without losing local identity Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

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