

Tennessee Studies Weekly

OUR PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES

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What Is a Tradition Anyway?

The world has many cultures. Each culture has its own traditions. Traditions help people remember their history. Traditions also remind people what is important in their culture.

American culture has traditions like Thanksgiving. Each culture in America also has its own traditions.

What Is a Tradition Anyway?

American Traditions

Americans have many traditions. We celebrate Independence Day on July 4. It reminds us of when the U.S. became a free country.

Thanksgiving is another American tradition. We have a meal with our family and give thanks. It reminds us of the help American Indians gave the first European settlers.



Cultural Traditions

Some cultures have their own traditions.

St. Patrick's Day is an Irish American tradition. On St. Patrick's Day you wear green and eat corned beef and cabbage.

A tradition of American Indians is to tell stories. The stories help them remember their history. The stories teach important lessons.



Family Traditions

Many families have their own traditions. Celebrating a birthday is a tradition. Can you think of what cultures your traditions come from?



Cultural Traditions in Tennessee

Tennessee has many different cultures. Each of these cultures has its own traditions. Jazz music is an African American tradition. African Americans made this music. People love jazz all over the world. Tennessee has jazz festivals. You can go to a festival and listen to jazz.



Name _____

Circle yes if the sentence is correct. Circle no if the sentence is not correct.

1. America has many different cultures.

yes

no

2. St. Patrick's Day is an American Indian tradition.

yes

no

3. Thanksgiving is a popular American tradition.

yes

no

Draw and Write

Draw a picture of your favorite tradition. Write about it on the lines.


