

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and understand celebrations and commemorations of significance in Australia and the world.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to the internet or books for research

Activities

1. Research and Create a Celebration Collage

Using the internet or books, research different celebrations and commemorations from Australia and around the world. Choose at least five celebrations that interest you the most. Create a collage by cutting out pictures or drawing symbols that represent each celebration. Write a short description for each celebration and attach it to your collage.

2. Interview a Family Member or Friend

Interview a family member or friend who has experienced a significant celebration or commemoration. Ask them about their experiences, why the celebration is important, and how it is celebrated. Take notes during the interview and share your findings with the class.

3. Create a Celebration Timeline

Choose one celebration or commemoration that has a long history. Create a timeline to show the important events and milestones associated with this celebration. Include dates, descriptions, and illustrations to make your timeline visually appealing.

Talking Points

• What are celebrations and commemorations?

"Celebrations are special events or occasions that people observe to mark a particular moment or achievement. Commemorations are similar to celebrations, but they are specifically done to remember and honor important people or events from the past."

• Why is it important to learn about celebrations and commemorations?

"Learning about celebrations and commemorations helps us understand different cultures, traditions, and historical events. It allows us to appreciate the diversity and significance of these special occasions."

• What are some examples of celebrations in Australia?

"Australia Day, ANZAC Day, and Harmony Day are some examples of celebrations in Australia. Australia Day is celebrated on January 26th to commemorate the arrival of the First Fleet in

1788. ANZAC Day is observed on April 25th to honor the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who served and died in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Harmony Day celebrates cultural diversity and promotes inclusiveness in Australia."

- **Can you give an example of a celebration from another country?**

"Chinese New Year is a celebration that takes place in China and other countries with significant Chinese populations. It marks the beginning of the lunar calendar year and is celebrated with dragon dances, fireworks, family gatherings, and special meals."

- **How can we show respect during celebrations and commemorations?**

"We can show respect by learning about the history and significance of the celebration, participating in appropriate activities or rituals, and treating others with kindness and understanding. It's important to be mindful of cultural sensitivities and traditions when engaging in celebrations and commemorations."