

## TRADITIONS MATTER CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS



Traditions are the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way. As a rule, family traditions are important in the life of each family and each family member. The maintenance of family traditions and conveying family history from one member to another is exactly what makes the family the solid unit, whose members feel close relations and unity. In this regard, I can refer to the experience of my own family, which like any other family has its traditions and history, which shape views and values of each family member.

Write an essay about “Traditions Matter.” Some people decided that Tradition is about family, respect, traditions like dancing, cultural celebrations like special holidays, or religion observance, and many other possibilities. Think of a main idea like: “To me, Traditions Mean...” or how you might change them when you are an adult with family?

- What is the Tradition? (Name, Its Origin, the Importance.)
- How is the Tradition Celebrated? (Dancing, Singing, Special Costumes)
- What is unique that your family does to celebrate this tradition? (Special Food or service)
- Has this tradition changed over the years?
- What do you love the most about the Tradition?

Please remember to include the three main parts of an essay (INTRODUCTION, BODY, and CONCLUSION) and paragraphs (INDENT!) that are at least 4-5 sentences long.

The length of your paper should be one page typed. A word count for this paper would be to aim for around 500 words. It is okay to go a little over or under, for example, 450 words, or 550 words.

Students should demonstrate their ability to produce an effective composition for a specific purpose, as well as their command of the conventions of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, usage, and sentence structure.