



The Parade

Celebrating Cultural Diversity



Why do communities have parades?

The people who make up a community may come from many different cultures. Each cultural group has its own special traditions, food, and clothing. There are many ways to celebrate the different cultures in a community. Communities often have parades to celebrate cultural holidays and traditions.

What is one way to celebrate the different cultures in a community?

(main idea/supporting details)



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▲ A family celebrates Kwanzaa.



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▲ People in a parade celebrate Greek culture.



Communities also have parades to celebrate historical events—events that have happened in our past. Memorial Day, celebrated in May, is one such holiday. On this day, we remember the people who have died while serving in the military. We also celebrate our traditions. Traditions are cultural experiences that come from our past. For example on the Fourth of July, we are celebrating the founding of our nation. One of our traditions is to celebrate with American flags and fireworks.



◀ Military vehicle with American flags during Memorial Day Parade.



▲ These children are dressed in red, white, and blue—traditional colors from our flag. They are following the tradition by dressing in clothing that is like our American flag.

Are there historical events that you celebrate in your community? *(making connections)*

PARTS OF A PARADE

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Float ▶



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PARTS OF A PARADE



Dancers

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Grand Marshal ►



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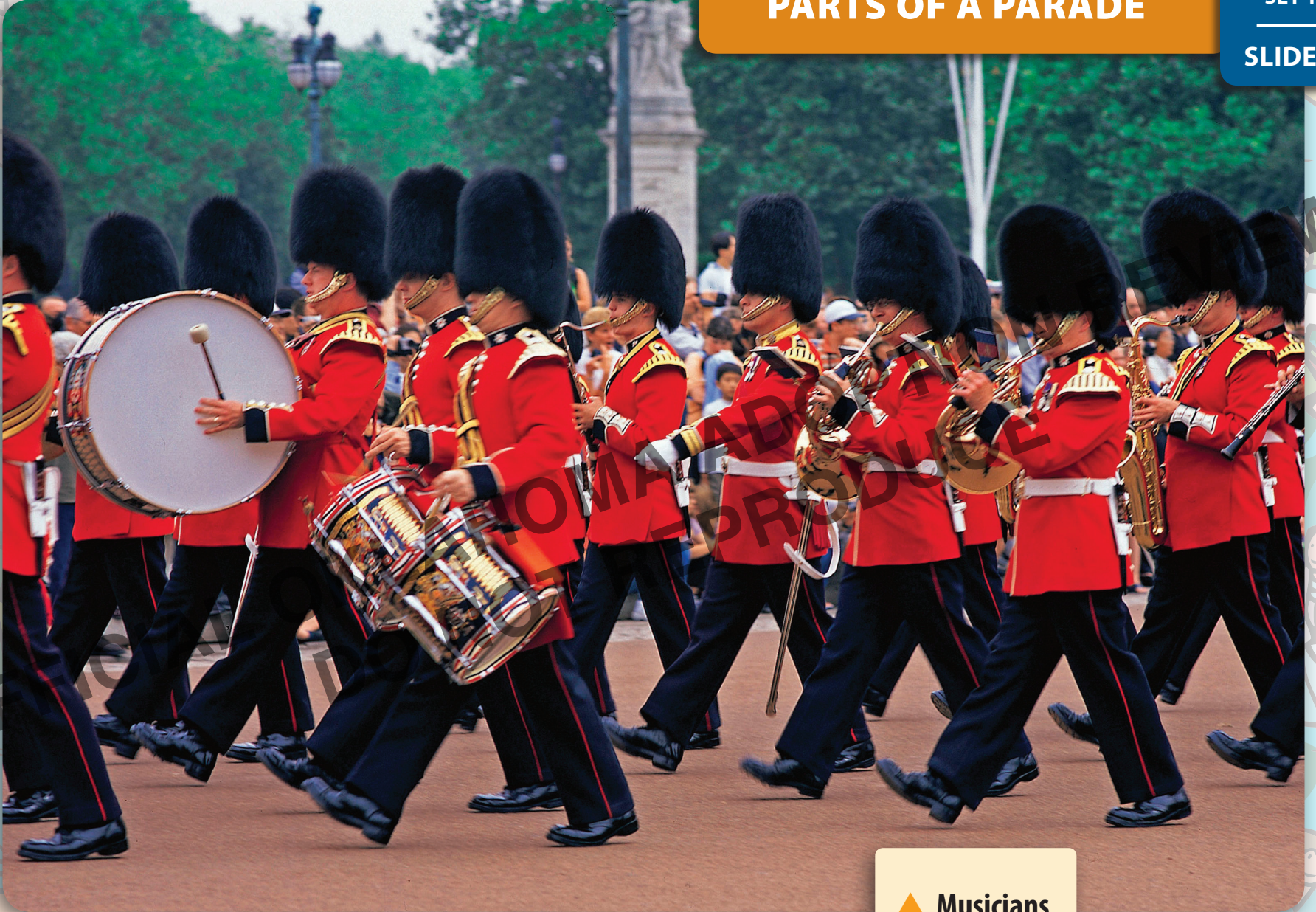
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PARTS OF A PARADE



▲ Musicians



SET 1

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Describe the different parts of a parade. What else could be in a parade that is not pictured here?
(understanding visuals)



SET 2

SLIDE 1

Who creates a parade?

People from the community work together to create a parade.

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Cultural Parade



◀ Colorful posters are created to tell people about the parade.

Why do people make parade posters?

*(connecting,
understanding visuals)*

2:00 PM, September 15
On Main Street between Maple Avenue and Elm Street



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Workers build a float based on a designer's sketch. ▲



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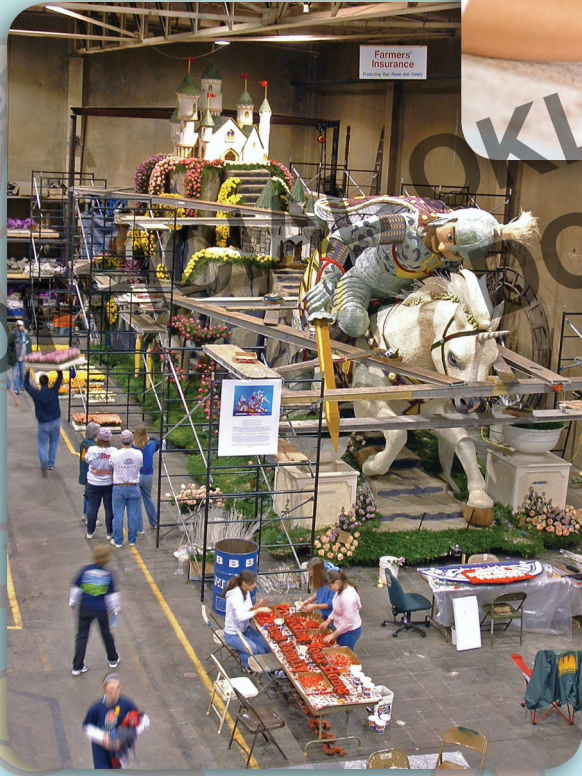
Parade planners create a map of the parade. ▲
Everyone in the parade follows the map.



Cultural Parade



2:00 PM, September 15
On Main Street between Maple Avenue and Elm Street



What kinds of workers are needed to create a parade?
(main idea/supporting details)



What makes us special?

Each person is special in some way. Our families make us special. The activities we like to do make us special. Our beliefs and the holidays we celebrate make us who we are.

What holidays does your family celebrate? *(connecting)*



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▶ This boy likes to play guitar.
Your interests make you special.

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SET 3

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These children like
to play soccer. ▼



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▲ Many families have favorite foods they enjoy together. This family says a prayer together before they begin their meal.



Culture

People express culture in many different ways. These are just some of the ways that people show how their culture is special:

Religion

People show their religious beliefs in different ways.

Clothing

The designs and styles of clothing might tell us about people's traditions.

Music and Dance

People from cultures all over the world enjoy music and dance.

Celebrations

People all over the world express their cultural heritage through celebrations.

Food

Each culture has its own special foods.

Art

People from many different cultures express their heritage and stories through art.

How do people express culture?

(main idea/supporting details)

History

Historical symbols and figures

Flags

George Washington

Parades tell about our history. We may celebrate special events such as the 4th of July. People wave the American flag and sometimes dress up like historical figures.



Music
Fife and drum band



SET 3

SLIDE 6

Community Traditions

American Indians on horses

Mardi Gras

Folk dancers

SET 3

SLIDE 7





Why do we have floats in a parade?

The work of planners, designers, builders, and painters all comes together in the beautiful floats we see in parades. Floats often tell a story, explore a theme, or teach us about a culture.



SET 4

SLIDE 2



▶ This Japanese float celebrates the birth of a Japanese emperor. In Japan, the phoenix is a symbol of the imperial household.

What does this float tell you about the culture of Japan?

(understanding visuals, connecting)



SET 4

SLIDE 3

People play instruments
on this float. ▼





This float in the Portland, Oregon, parade has a trolley decorated with roses. Notice how people are dressed in historical costumes and celebrating an old time trolley.





Why do people wear costumes in a parade?

People around the world wear special clothes for special events. The clothes or costumes people wear can tell you something about their culture. People in parades often wear costumes.



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In Scotland, traditional skirts, called kilts, are worn by boys and men. The colors and pattern in a Scottish kilt tell about a family's heritage. ▼



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◀ This girl wears traditional clothing from her family's American Indian culture.



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▲ Children in red costumes twirl fans in a Chinese New Year Parade.



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**What can you learn from the
clothing these people are wearing?**
(connecting, understanding visuals)



SET 6

SLIDE 1

What do musicians and dancers do in a parade?

Japanese drummers beat large
▼ wooden drums in a parade.





SET 6

SLIDE 2

These dancers perform a Mexican folk dance. ►





SET 6

SLIDE 3



◀ These dancers perform a traditional dance from Africa.



Many different kinds of musicians and dancers perform in parades. Music and dance are used to entertain, celebrate, and express culture. These musicians and dancers are celebrating their cultures.



Why are music and dancing important in a parade? *(main idea/supporting details)*

What kind of musical instrument would you want to play in a parade? *(connecting)*



How do people get ready for a parade?

To make sure the parade is a success, the planners and the people in the parade continue working right up until the parade starts. Parade participants must arrive early for the parade.

Why is it important for people to work together to plan a parade? *(connecting)*



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▲ Parade members make sure their hair, makeup, and clothing are just right.



Tailors sew the colorful clothing for the parade. ▼



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SET 7

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REVIEW



▲ Workers prepare the floats for the parade.



ASSESSMENT



SET 8

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What problems do you see in this parade?

What could the parade planners do in the future to prevent these problems?

