

# CULTURAL TRADITIONS



## Getting Started with Reading

**Grades:** K-2

**Background:** The Cultural Traditions live virtual field trip with Ohio History Connection focuses on celebrations that reflect our cultural diversity.

**Objectives:** In this activity, students will practice reading and taking notes on informational text about the diverse ways people around the world celebrate their birthdays.

### What's Inside?

- Student reading passage
- Optional reading comprehension questions
- Student graphic organizer

**Sources:** ReadWorks (passage & comprehension questions) & CILC original resource

# Happy Birthday

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"Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you..."

You sing that song many times throughout the year. People around the world sing it in different languages. Some people have birthday cakes and candles too. Some celebrate their birthdays in other ways.

In China, children and their families eat noodles for a long life.

In India, a child gives chocolates to everyone.

In Mexico, a child breaks open a piñata. Everyone shares the candies inside.

In Russia, a child might have a birthday pie with a birthday wish cut into the crust. Birthdays are fun around the world!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What celebration is this passage about?**

- A. July 4th
- B. birthdays
- C. New Year's

**2. This passage describes how people celebrate birthdays around the world. What birthday tradition is described at the beginning of the passage?**

- A. breaking open a piñata and eating candy
- B. celebrating with cake and candles
- C. singing the song "Happy Birthday to You!"

**3. Not everyone celebrates their birthday with cake, candles, and the birthday song. Which sentence tells us this is true?**

- A. "You sing that song many times throughout the year."
- B. "People around the world sing it in different languages."
- C. "Some celebrate their birthdays in other ways."

## ReadWorks<sup>®</sup> Happy Birthday - Comprehension Questions

### 4. What is the theme of "Happy Birthday"?

- A. how birthdays are celebrated around the world
- B. where the words for the happy birthday song are from
- C. what people eat when they celebrate their birthday

### 5. What do children in China eat on their birthdays?

### 6. What did you learn from "Happy Birthday"?

**7. Class Discussion Question:** Describe the different ways people celebrate birthdays in India, Mexico, and Russia. Then describe how you celebrate your birthday. Compare and contrast how birthdays are celebrated around the world.



# 3-2-1 Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 things I learned

1.

2.

3.

## 2 questions I have

1.

2.

## 1 picture