



O'level
Foundation
Week 19

The Write Tribe

COMPO PLANNING

Composition Topic

Traditions can be a help or hindrance. What are your views?

Yes

No



YES! They are a hindrance

2. Traditions can cause division

What is cultural divide?

The factors that create rifts in our society and can make it more difficult for people to live happily together

Culture gives us identity. However, it can cause clashes between different groups of identities. Remembering the past is important. However, for example, by focusing on the Japanese occupation and the cruelty Singapore underwent, the younger generation may attach unwanted hatred to the newer generations of Japanese.

Anti-British Sentiment

There is still post colonial hangover among many Indian seniors. For example, a Bollywood movie named, Namaste London (2007) carried Anti British Sentiment. It showed a scene where an Indian was putting a rude British brat in his place. Such scenes promote racism among younger generations for what their forefathers had committed. Instead of bringing the world together, it creates a divide.



The US vs THEM mentality may unite a culture but at what expense? Why does the unity among one group come because of hostility against another?

Patriotism may unify a nation. For example, during the Vietnam war, Americans fought against Vietnamese. For certain, there would be hostilities between the two nations. However, we live in a very different world today. Immigration has punctured cultural homogeneity in many Western countries. Globalization has caused the world to work together, to deal with people of different nations in one's homeland whether they held a hostile history or not. By reiterating the past hostilities, we may actually damage the future. We may make the newer generations pay for what the generations of the past did!



YES! They are a hindrance

3. Not all traditions are created equal

WHY WE FEEL A NEED TO FOLLOW TRADITIONS?

Tradition has been defined as, “The passing down of elements of a culture from generation to generation.” Tradition holds together the identity of many different cultures, and it connects us historically to those who are responsible for the world we live in today. Participating in a tradition can be fun and emotionally fulfilling, and make us feel as if we are part of a bigger picture. Many feel that if these traditions are not continued, we somehow let down our culture, our identity, or our ancestors; we lose a part of ourselves. Yet still, there are some celebrations and practices that can be incredibly cruel!

Bullfighting is seen by some as a symbol of Spanish national culture

Most bullfights are divided into three parts. First, a bull is forced into the arena and taunted by a matador with a cape. The bull is then approached by picadors (men on horses), who drive lances into the bull’s back and neck muscles, impairing the bull’s ability to lift his head. They twist and gouge the lances to ensure a significant amount of blood loss.

Then come the banderilleros on foot, who proceed to distract and dart around the bull while stabbing the animal with brightly colored darts called banderillas.

After blood loss has weakened the bull, the banderilleros run the bull in more circles until he becomes dizzy and stops chasing.

In the final act, the matador appears. After using his cape and sword (the faena) to provoke a few exhausted charges from the dying animal, the matador tries to deliver the death blow, or estocada, with his sword.

If he misses, succeeding only in further mutilation, an executioner is called in to stab the exhausted animal to death. If the crowd is happy with the matador, the bull’s ears and tail or a hoof may be cut off and presented as a gift.

A few minutes later, another bull enters the arena and the sadistic cycle starts again.

Somewhere between 250 and 500 dolphins were driven into the cove near Taiji, a small town in western Japan made famous in the award-winning film, “The Cove.” There, at least 100 of the dolphins were slaughtered for their meat. Others were packed up and sold to aquariums.



YES! They are a hindrance

QUIZ TIME!

1. Foot binding happened in China during the ___ century

- a. 19th
- b. 10th

2. What is Foot binding?

- a. the practise of growing the toe nails long enough to the one point where one is unable to walk
- b. It was a practice carried out on young girls to restrict their normal growth and make their feet as small as possible as it was considered an attractive quality

3. Female genital mutilation (FGM) is life threatening?

- a. True
- b. False

4. What is cultural divide?

- a. factors that create rifts in our society and can make it more difficult for people to live happily together
- b. factors that create separate identities in our society which make it more easy for people to appreciate and live happily together



5. Even though Culture gives us identity, it can causes clashes between different groups of identities.

- a. True
- b. False

6. Bullfighting is seen by some as a symbol of _____ national culture

- a. Spanish
- b. Japanese
- c. Chinese
- d. African

7. Dolphins are slaughtered in _____ as part of tradition?

- a. Taiji
- b. Beijing

8. Important events from the past help us create an identity together

- a. True
- b. False



Composition Topic

Traditions can be a help or hindrance. What are your views?

Yes

No

WHY? ADD YOUR OWN THOUGHTS HERE.



INTRODUCTION

Thesis statement

because _____

Supporting claim #1

and _____

Supporting claim #2

Paragraph 2

Topic sentence



Explanation



An example



Link back to topic



Paragraph 3

Topic sentence



Explanation



An example



Link back to topic



CONCLUSION

THESES
RESTATEMENT

SUMMARIZE
SUBPOINTS

FINAL
IMPRESSION

