

# COMPOSITION BOOK

## OUR BAHAMIAN WAY OF LIFE

Interdisciplinary Unit

Grade 3

**Junkanoo**- dancing through the streets in colorful costumes

In The Bahamas, we have our own way of life. Two ways are **entertainment** and our **Junkanoo**. There are **two** major Junkanoo parades in Nassau each year. The first is on **Boxing Day**, and the second is on **New Years' Day**. Parades are held in other Family Islands. In Grand Bahama, there is one major parade, which is on New Year's Day. In addition there is the Junior Junkanoo parade that is December in New Providence and in different months on the Family Islands.

The important materials in making the Junkanoo costumes are **cardboard, crepe paper, glue** and **wire**. The instruments in Junkanoo are **goatskin drums, horns, conch shells, cowbells** and **whistles**. There are dancers in the parade.

In The Bahamas we say some things in certain ways. Our way of **talking** is another part of our way of life. This is our **dialect**. Every island has its own way of speaking, and its tales and beliefs. We also have to learn **English** and to speak it well. This will help us to understand people from many places in the world. It will also make tourist understand us.

## Instructions: Choose and the correct answer

### 1. Junkanoo parades are held on

Easter and Heroes day      Boxing Day and New Year's Day

### 2. Junior Junkanoo is held in

December      September

### 3. Which TWO is our way of life?

cooking and making things      Junkanoo and the way we talk

### 4. What are four major materials we use to make junkanoo costumes?

paper, wood, shoes and glue

cardboard, crepe paper, glue and wire

glue, tape, scissors and sheetrock

wire, shells, blocks and glue



### 5. What is the meaning of Junkanoo?

running up and down and playing in the street

putting on costumes for parties

dancing through the streets in colorful costumes

**6. What are two reasons we should learn English properly?**

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**7. When Bahamians say some things in certain ways (broken English), what is this called?**

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**Instructions:** Use the box below to select the answers to the following question.

**8. What are FOUR instruments used in Junkanoo?**

goatskin drums

piano

horns

guitar

cowbells

whistles

xylophone

