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9th Grade Level B Unit1

The Olive Branch Festival

For thousands of years people have been using olives for food, medicine and cosmetics. Olives are one of the most popular foods in the Middle East. In Israel there is an Olive Branch Festival where people celebrate this food. Every year in October, visitors come from all over the world to the Olive Branch Festival in the northern Galilee. For two weeks, all kinds of people come together to celebrate.

The Olive Branch Festival has something for everyone. People who like nature can take a walk through the fields of olive trees in the Galilee. They can also visit the small factories and see how olive oil is made. Each factory makes its own kind of oil. There is also an outdoor market where shoppers can buy all kinds of products made from olives. People sell olives, olive oil, soaps and shampoos.

People can do many other things at this festival. Children can listen to the storytellers and their strange and wonderful stories about olives. There are also cooking lessons. You can learn how to cook with olives and olive oil. There is live music for everyone. There are also lots of fresh, hot pita with cheese and olive oil.

There is something for everyone at this festival.

Answer the questions

1. Circle the **TWO** correct sentences. (12*2)

- a. Olives aren't popular in the Middle East.
- b. The Olive Branch Festival is in September.
- c. The festival is in Eilat.
- d. The festival is only for adults.
- e. People can learn how to make olive oil.
- f. You can buy shampoo and soap made out of olive oil.

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2. Why do people visit small factories? (12p)

3. Complete the sentences about the Olive Branch Festival. (2*12)

a. People who like to cook can _____

b. Storytellers tell _____

4. a. Circle the correct answer. (4p)

Everyone can have fun at the Olive Branch Festival. **YES / NO**

b. Copy the words or sentence that helped you answer. (8p)

5. Write TWO things you can make out of olives. (2*8)

a.

b.

6. Find a word in paragraph 1, which means the opposite of "separated"

_____ (4p)

7. Find a word in paragraph 3, which means "unusual" _____ (4p)

8. Find a word in paragraph 3 which means "study" _____ (4p)