



Students Reading Worksheet



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DISCUSSION TEXT READING EXCERCISE

Read the discussion text bellow carefully!

Should the Ruwatan Tradition Be Preserved?



Ruwatan is a traditional Javanese ceremony aimed at cleansing individuals or communities from bad luck or misfortune. In Malang, East Java, this ritual is still practiced by some communities. Often times the ceremony includes shadow puppet performances (wayang), offerings, and traditional ceremonial prayers. However, in today's modern society, the relevance and continuation of this tradition are being debated.

Many people believe that Ruwatan should be preserved because it is an important part of local culture and identity. It reflects deep spiritual values and ancient wisdom passed down through generations. The ceremony can also serve as a cultural attraction, promoting tourism and educating younger generations about Javanese traditions. Moreover, some people still feel psychological relief and peace after participating in the ritual, which gives it personal value beyond religious or cultural boundaries.

On the other hand, the critics argue that Ruwatan is outdated and not in line with modern beliefs or scientific studies. Some see it as superstition that may mislead people or prevent them from solving their problems rationally. Others worry that such ceremonies may involve unnecessary expenses, especially for those who cannot afford them. In addition, younger generations are becoming less interested in such traditional practices, leading to concerns about relevance and practicality.

In conclusion, while Ruwatan holds cultural and emotional significance for many people, its continuation should consider the changing values of society. Efforts to modernize the practice without losing its essence might help it remain meaningful and accessible in today's world.

A. Identifying Writer's Stance

Based on the text you have read, what is the stance does the writer present? Does the writer support, oppose, or being neutral with the issue? Provide the evidences!

B. Strong vs Weak

Read the arguments below! Are these arguments strong or weak on supporting or opposing the issue? Provide two reasons on why they are strong or weak!

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Strong / Weak

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Strong / Weak

Reasons:

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Strong / Weak

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Strong / Weak

Reasons:

C. Argument Making

Discuss with your group whether you agree or disagree with the issue? Complete your argument with supporting reasons! Write your argument below in at least five sentences!

