

Worksheet: Illuminated Boat Procession

Instructions: Work with your partner to answer the following questions based on the information you shared in your group.

1. In which province does the Lai Ruea Fai festival originate, and what does its name literally mean?

2. What significant event in Buddhist lore does Ok Phansa mark?

3. According to a separate tale, why is the procession held on the Mekong River? (Hint: It involves the Naga and a footprint)

4. How are the boats decorated in modern processions? (List 3 things)

A: _____ B: _____ C: _____

5. What were historical boats made of, and what do people put on them to "burn" their sorrows away?

6. In the traditional custom, what does the blazing fire on the boat symbolize?
