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La Rose and La Marguerite

La Rose and La Marguerite are two flower festivals. La Rose is celebrated on 30th August and La Marguerite on 17th October. In both festivals the people who take part dress in the kind of clothes worn by Europeans when they ruled in the Caribbean.

There are a king, queen, doctors, nurses, soldiers and common people. During their celebrations both groups use traditional instruments such as the violin, shac-shac, banjo and drum. There are some differences between the festivals. The La Rose groups have the rose flower as their symbol and during their celebrations they dress in red. La Marguerite groups, on the other hand, have the blueish marguerite flower as their symbol. They dress in blue. You can see the flower symbols in the picture. On the day of their celebrations the groups first attend church service and afterwards parade the streets in their communities. Sometimes, groups gather at a special venue where they perform. During their celebrations, the

La Rose and La Marguerite sing songs praising their flower, or their king. However, the words of some of their songs are chosen to make fun of each other. This friendly rivalry between the La Rose and La Marguerite may be a very thoughtful way of dramatizing the real rivalries which took place between the English and the French a few hundred years ago.

Read the passage above then complete the exercise below.

1. La Rose and La Marguerite are _____ festivals.

2. _____ is celebrated on the 30th August each year and _____is celebrated on 17th October each year.

3. The symbol of the La Rose Society is the _____ flower and the La Marguerite Society is the _____flower

4. Both flower festivals dress in costumes of the kind of clothes worn by the _____.

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