Group Names:

Festivals Around the World-Land Diving Festival

Directions: Read your group's text and complete the chart about only your assigned festival.

Discuss: Would you or your group members want to attend that festival? Why or why not?

Text B

The Land Diving Festival

1. Find the meaning of the following words: tower, vines, harvest, bungy jumping
2. Then read the text and fill in the table below.

Pentecost Island in Vanuatu is famous for the Land Diving Festival, which takes place every Saturday in May. This festival celebrates the harvest, but there is an old story which says that it began when a woman had an argument with her husband and ran off into the forest. He followed her and she climbed a tree to get away. He climbed the tree after her and she jumped down. He jumped after her and was injured. She was unhurt because she had tied a vine to her ankle which stopped her hitting the ground. Now the men of the island hold this festival every year. They build a wooden tower, 20 to 30 metres high. They climb the tower and tie vines to their ankles. Then they jump off the tower. The people below sing and dance to encourage them. The islanders believe that the higher you jump, the better the harvest will be. In the 1980's the New Zealander AJ Hackett developed the modern sport of bungy jumping, based on this festival.

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	Snake Festival	Bun Festival	Land Diving Festival	May Day
Where?				
When?				
Why?				
What happens?				
Special Food?				

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