

**READ THE TEXT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES:****Celebrate color!****Things to do in and around Mumbai**

When spring arrives in India, it's time for Holi, the festival of color—lots of color. Music plays and people dance in the streets and color each other with bright pink, blue, green, yellow, purple, orange, and red powder. They also throw the powder, filling the air with color. Holi is a very old celebration—at least 1,400 years old. It's a time for people to laugh, play, and have fun together. There are lots of Holi celebrations in and around Mumbai in March. Search online for “Mumbai Holi celebrations” to find a colorful event near you!

**A big birthday****New York City: People and celebrations**

For some young Latina women in New York— and other cities around the world—their 15th birthday celebration is a very big party. Quinceañera celebrations sometimes include over 150 guests. There's food, music, and dancing, and the day usually ends with the birthday girl taking off her flat shoes and putting on high heels. The celebration is at least 500 years old and probably comes from a mix of Aztec, Maya, and Spanish cultures in Mexico, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

**Important dates****Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

In Quebec, Canada, July 1st is Moving Day. Each year, about 250,000 people move to a different house or apartment on that day. This is because lots of people rent an apartment or house for one year, beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th. This tradition began in 1750, to make sure that people had a warm, safe home through the cold Canadian winter. Moving Day isn't a party or celebration. For most people, July 1st is a day of very hard work!

**I.- Choose the best option to answer the following questions.****Celebrate color!****1. What is Holi primarily celebrated with?**

- a) Fireworks
- b) Bright colored powders
- c) Candles
- d) Flowers

**2. How long has Holi been celebrated according to the passage?**

- a) About 500 years
- b) At least 1,400 years
- c) About 100 years

- d) At least 2,000 years

**3. What activities are mentioned as part of Holi celebrations?**

- a) Singing and cooking
- b) Playing sports and painting
- c) Dancing and coloring each other with powder
- d) Watching movies and eating sweets

**4. Where can you find information about Holi celebrations in Mumbai?**

- a) Local newspapers
- b) TV advertisements
- c) Online searches for "Mumbai Holi celebrations"
- d) Tourist information centers

**A big birthday**

**5. Who typically celebrates a Quinceañera?**

- a) Young Latina women
- b) Young Indian men
- c) Young Canadian women
- d) Young African men

**6. How many guests might attend a Quinceañera celebration?**

- a) About 50 guests
- b) Over 150 guests
- c) About 30 guests
- d) Over 500 guests

**7. What cultural influences are mentioned in the origins of Quinceañera?**

- a) Aztec, Maya, and Spanish cultures
- b) Greek, Roman, and Egyptian cultures
- c) Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cultures
- d) Russian, German, and French cultures

**8. What symbolic act typically happens at the end of a Quinceañera celebration?**

- a) The birthday girl puts on a tiara
- b) The birthday girl lights candles
- c) The birthday girl takes off her flat shoes and puts on high heels
- d) The birthday girl cuts a cake

**Important dates**

**9. What happens on July 1st in Quebec, Canada?**

- a) A national holiday is celebrated
- b) People move to a different house or apartment
- c) A large festival takes place
- d) Schools hold graduation ceremonies

**10. Why did the tradition of Moving Day start in Quebec?**

- a) To celebrate the end of the winter season
- b) To ensure people had a warm, safe home through the cold winter
- c) To align with a historical event
- d) To coincide with Canada Day celebrations

**11. How many people typically move on Moving Day in Quebec each year?**

- a) About 100,000 people
- b) About 250,000 people
- c) About 50,000 people
- d) About 500,000 people

**12. What is the main activity associated with Moving Day?**

- a) Celebrating with friends and family
- b) Enjoying a day off work
- c) Hard work of moving to a new home
- d) Attending public parades and events

II.- Look at the Critical Thinking Skill box. Then complete the chart to find similarities and differences between Holi, Quinceañera, and Moving Day.

|                                | Holi | Quinceañera | Moving Day |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------|------------|
| is at the same time every year | ✓    |             |            |
| is a type of party             |      |             |            |
| has music and dancing          |      |             |            |
| happens at a time of change    |      |             |            |