

One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket



Supplemental Activity Workbook

Name _____

Sleepytown Vocabulary

Directions: Match the definition to the correct vocabulary word found in the story, *One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket*

1. _____ a traditional Japanese sweet treat made from rice
2. _____ to put on
3. _____ a signal that warns of danger
4. _____ to get back; have possession of again
5. _____ group of people born around the same time or descended from an ancestor by the same amount of separation.
6. _____ activity, excitement, or noise
7. _____ person who has recently arrived
8. _____ spinning device with blades used for flying
9. _____ best or unbeaten measure of achievement in a particular category on the planet
10. _____ the handing down of beliefs or customs from generation to generation
11. _____ a type of heavy, tightly woven fabric
12. _____ to spin rapidly



A. propeller

B. regain

C. generation

D. tradition

E. mochi

F. don

G. whirl

H. world record

I. buzz

J. alert

K. canvas

L. newcomer

Name _____



Mochi Math

Directions: Read the recipe and the word problems and write your answers on the lines provided. Work out the problems on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Patch Day Pie Recipe

Find out how to make Japanese mochi here:

<http://www.justonecookbook.com/recipes/sakura-mochi>

Filling

3/4 cup sweet glutinous rice
3/4 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. anko (sweet red bean paste)
1 drop red food coloring

Crust

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter, chilled and diced
1/4 cup ice water

1. On the first Patch Day, Hiro baked 50 mochi pies eaten by the residents of Sleepytown which started the tradition of Patch Day Pie. How much rice did he need to use? How much flour did he need? _____ Rice _____ Flour
2. This year, Hiro uses 60 cups of sweet rice to complete his batch of Patch Day Pies. How many pies does he bake? _____
3. A visitor from out of town tastes Hiro's Patch Day Pie and is amazed. She orders 5 pies to take home and share with her friends and family, but she has a special request. She wants her pie filling to contain three times as much anko as usual. How much anko does her order require?

4. Hiro makes an exception to his rule of secrecy regarding his Patch Day Pie recipe, and tells Holly how to make it. If she wants to make a double-recipe, how much of each ingredient does she need to use? Write the new recipe size on the lines below.

Filling

Crust

5. With Holly's news coverage of Patch Day and the record-setting Patchwork Blanket, next year's Patch Day is expected to attract 100 new visitors for the occasion. If a pie feeds 8 people, how many extra pies should Hiro plan to prepare? _____
6. If a Patch Day Pie is divided into 8 pieces, approximately how much sugar and butter does each slice contain from the original ingredients? _____
7. River's mom and dad, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and grandparents all live in Sleepytown. If there are 15 members of the family altogether and each person plans to eat one piece of Patch Day Pie, how many pies should River's family buy? Assume a pie is divided into 8 slices. _____
8. If Branden eats two slices of pie, how much rice does he consume in total? _____
9. If there are 99 *families* currently living in Sleepytown, and each family has an average of 3 members, about how many *people* would you estimate live in Sleepytown?

10. If the runner-up for the largest blanket world record is held by the National Quilt-Makers Association, and they add 97 patches to their quilt, will Sleepytown reasonably be able to regain their position as record-holders after the next Patch Day (to beat them)? _____

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Your Traditions



Part A: Answer the following questions about traditions in complete sentences.

1. Define the term, "tradition" using what you learned by reading the Playbook®, *One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket*.

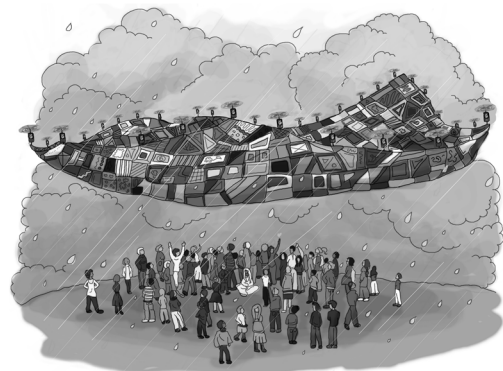
2. Describe your favorite tradition in your family or community and why you enjoy it. Further explain what makes it a tradition?

Part B: Create your own idea for a tradition, set in a make-believe town! Write a summary for a story about this town tradition on the lines below. (*Your instructor may also choose to have you work in groups to complete your own reader's theater script using your group's favorite idea.*)

Unscramble the Tale

Directions: Read the events from the Playbook®, *One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket* listed below, out of order. Write a number (1-10) next to each event to show the order they happened in the story.

- _____ Clementine and Branden chase a Frisbee.
- _____ Hiro tells the story of how and why he began baking Patch Day Pie, combining traditions from his life both in Japan and Sleepytown.
- _____ River's flying cell-phone invention whizzes up into the air and hovers in front of Holly's face.
- _____ Holly paints her own patch to contribute to the Patchwork Blanket and is declared an honorary member of Sleepytown.
- _____ Mrs. Jan sits on the ground peacefully in the middle of crowd and tells her memories of the origin of the Patchwork Blanket.
- _____ The Patchwork Blanket reaches a size of 1,000 patches.
- _____ The waves of flood waters rush up around the base of the hill where the town is gathered.
- _____ Holly thinks the town didn't quite make the record they had hoped.
- _____ River's amazing cell phones lift the blanket high into the air and everyone has a dry place to stay.
- _____ Holly tastes her first Patch Day Pie.



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Design Your Own Patch

Directions: Use colored pencils to draw your own Patch design! Create your patch to represent one of the following options (*from the previous activity sheet in this packet, "Your Traditions"*).

- A. Your favorite family tradition
- B. Create your own idea for a tradition

Be prepared to verbally explain the meaning of your Patch, as your instructor may ask you to share with the class.



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Wisdom of Generations

Directions: Learn from older generations by interviewing an adult family member, friend, or role model. Ask him or her the following questions and record the answers on the lines provided or a separate sheet of paper if needed.

1. Where and when were you born? _____
2. What were some games you played or toys you loved when you were a child?

3. What is your favorite childhood memory? _____

4. What was your favorite tradition growing up? _____

5. What place have you most enjoyed visiting and why? _____

6. What is a place you would like to travel to one day and why? _____

7. What is your job? How did you come to pursue this type of work or career?

8. What hobbies do you take part in? _____

9. Are there any new traditions you've developed as an adult with your family or community? _____

10. What value do you feel your family and community traditions have brought to your life and that of your loved ones?



Birthdays Around the World



Around the world, you can find traditions of endless variety for countless occasions. One widely celebrated event is the birthday! In the United States, we often have birthday parties with friends and family, balloons, cake with candles, and presents. This originated from the European belief that dangerous spirits were most attracted to people on their birthdays. People would gather around their loved ones to give good wishes. Originally, only kings were protected in this way, but birthday gatherings were eventually held for children as well. Other countries recognize birthdays in many similar and different ways.

For example:

- In Ireland, a child is turned upside down and “bumped” on the floor for good luck on his or her birthday. The number of bumps is equal to the child’s age plus one more bonus bump.
- In Brazil, children eat beautiful candies shaped like fruits and vegetables on their birthdays. The child’s earlobe is “pulled” once to signify each year of his/her age.
- In Japan, on November 15th, all children who have turned 3, boys who have turned 5, and girls who have turned 7 go to the shrine to give thanks for their health. The occasions are marked by wearing a beautiful kimono and often eating special candies described with the words, “sweets for 1000 years of life.”
- In Nigeria, 1st, 5th, 10th, and 15th birthdays are the most important during childhood. They are celebrated with a feast for up to 100 people. Children also play a game in which players pass around a wrapped up prize while music plays, and when the music stops, the person holding it unwraps a bit until the last scrap of paper is taken off the package.

Directions: Pick 3 countries and describe on the lines below what birthday traditions people from each country follow. Use the links at the bottom of this page to research.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Source: <http://www.kidsparties.com/traditions.htm>
<http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/traditions.htm>

Name _____

Wacky Inventions

In the Playbook® story, ***One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket***, River's passion is technology and invention. Because of people like River, we have tools like the light bulb, refrigerator, the Internet, cell phones, and many other things that help us function each day, and that we might take for granted. In the story, River creates flying cell phones! Let's discuss this!

Part A: To design new technologies and products, engineers use the **Engineering Design Process**, shown below. Now it's your turn to design a new invention. In the box below, write down the problem you would like to solve with your invention.

1. Define the Problem
2. Do Background Research
3. Specify Requirements
4. Brainstorm Solutions
5. Choose the Best Solution
6. Do Development Work
7. Build a Prototype
8. Test and Redesign

Part B: On the lines below, describe your invention. Then draw a picture in the box provided.



Learning and Growing



Directions: At the beginning of the Playbook®, *One Thousand Stories About the Patchwork Blanket*, River does not share the rest of Sleepytown’s excitement for the Patch Day celebration. She is so interested in looking ahead to the newest creations and the future that she forgets the importance of community history and traditions. After pulling through the rain storm and hearing an up-close and personal story about the way Patch Day started, River’s feelings are transformed and she discovers the past can be pretty exciting, too.

On the lines below, write a short essay response telling about a time when you changed your mind about a topic or interest that is important to you. Explain the reasons or experience that led to your change of feelings or opinion. Tell why you believe it was a good thing your mind was changed.



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ANSWER KEY
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Sleepytown Vocabulary

1. E
2. F
3. J
4. B
5. C
6. I
7. L
8. A
9. H
10. D
11. K
12. G

Unscramble the Tale

- 2
- 4
- 1
- 9
- 7
- 10
- 5
- 8
- 6
- 3

Mochi Math

1. 37 1/2 cups rice, 62 1/2 cups flour
2. 80 pies
3. 45 Tbsp. anko
4.

<u>Filling</u>	<u>Crust</u>
1 1/2 cup rice	2 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups water	1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup sugar	1 cup butter
6 Tbsp. anko	1/2 cup ice water
5. 13 pies
6. 1/16 cup sugar, 1/16 cup butter
7. 2 pies
8. 3/16 cup rice
9. 297 or approximately 300 people
10. yes

Your Traditions

Part A:

1. A tradition is a practice or belief passed down from those older than you in your family or community.
2. *Answers will vary.*

Part B: *Answers will vary.*



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