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Customs: How Do They Start?

Read about each imaginary country below and write what the food, clothing, homes, and art of the people might be like. What might they celebrate, and how? Then look up the country of your family's origin, and think about how your family customs began.



Country One is a series of large islands formed by volcanic eruptions in the middle of the ocean. The climate is very warm and rainy. Fruits and vegetables grow well, but there's little grazing land. Palm trees and bamboo are everywhere.

Food _____

Clothing _____

Homes _____

Art _____

Celebration _____

Country Two is a northern country, flat and rocky, with a short growing season and very few trees. It has many lakes and rivers. The people have domesticated herds of elk and long-haired goats. The winter season is long and dark.



Food _____

Clothing _____

Homes _____

Art _____

Celebration _____

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Respect and Response

Showing respect is a skill that can be developed. Practice taking a second look at others, and responding with good words and actions. Read the stories and think how to respond.

Being Sensitive to Needs and Feelings

Jason, the new boy in the neighborhood, doesn't seem to fit in with our old bunch. Actually, he doesn't seem to care that we don't like him. He acts superior and says, "Who needs you, anyway?" I'm glad he doesn't want to be included.

Take a look at Jason's needs and feelings, and decide what you should do.

Considering How Your Actions Will Affect Others

Your friend Becky has been upset, and finally shared a family matter that's worrying her. She didn't say it was a secret. Maybe you should tell other friends, so they can be supportive.

Consider the consequences, and decide what to do.

Being Willing to Put Other's Needs and Feelings First

Mom says, "Mr. Bailey, next door, has broken his leg, and will be needing lots of help. On Saturday, we're all going to do errands, housework, and yard work for him." You had planned a Saturday of fun with friends.

Look at everyone's feelings and needs, and decide what to do.
