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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Celebrations



Directions: The Asian American and Pacific Islander community have many unique celebrations throughout the year. Today we'll focus on Holi and Songkran. Read the passage below and answer the questions in complete sentences to show off your learning!

Holi is celebrated by people of the Hindu religion. It is very popular in India and Nepal. Holi is a very colorful event. It celebrates love, the gods, and how good always wins over evil.

Holi is celebrated at the end of winter. People eat special foods, sing, and dance. Children also put colorful powders all over their bodies. The adults also put colorful powders on their faces to celebrate. Everyone is covered in color!



Songkran is celebrated in Thailand. It's how the people celebrate the New Year. People celebrate each other and they also show respect to people who are older.

People also squirt each other with water guns to "wash away" the old year. They also clean their homes and have parties.

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1. Who celebrates Holi? What do kids do to celebrate? Would you like to do this? Why or why not?

2. Where is Songkran celebrated? Why do people squirt each other with water guns?

3. Why is it important to study events from the Asian American and Pacific Islander community? Which one (Holi or Songkran) would you be most excited to celebrate? Why?
