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New Year Reflections

Directions: Read the short description below about Chinese New Year. Then, reflect on how its traditions compare to New Year's celebrations in other cultures you know. Write thoughtful responses using complete sentences.

During **Chinese New Year**, families gather for reunion dinners, decorate their homes with **red and gold**, and exchange **red envelopes** as symbols of luck and prosperity. Streets come alive with **lanterns**, **dragon dances**, and **fireworks** meant to drive away bad spirits. The festival celebrates **renewal, family unity, and good fortune**-a time to start fresh with positive energy and respect for ancestors.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some traditions or customs you celebrate during New Year's in your culture or country?
2. How are those traditions similar to Chinese New Year customs?
3. How are they different?
4. Why do you think both holidays emphasize renewal and hope?
5. What do you think people around the world can learn from Chinese New Year traditions?
6. Choose one Chinese New Year symbol (like the dragon, lantern, or red envelope). How does it represent ideas that connect to your own culture's celebration?
7. Write one paragraph comparing how families celebrate together during both holidays.

Extension Challenge: Imagine you could design a *Global New Year Celebration* that combines customs from multiple cultures. Describe what traditions, foods, and symbols you would include and why.