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Tradition Tales Answer Key

Teachers should look for:

- A real cultural tradition, holiday, or experience.
- Clear description of what happened and who was involved.
- Specific sensory or emotional details that make the experience vivid.
- Explanation of why the experience is meaningful to the writer.
- A narrative structure with a beginning, middle, and end.

Teacher's Guide

- Emphasize that culture can include **family traditions**, **community practices**, **religious holidays**, or **shared celebrations** unique to the student.
- Encourage students to brainstorm with prompts like: Who was there? What did you see, hear, or smell? What made this moment meaningful?
- Differentiate by allowing students to draw the moment before writing or use sentence starters such as: One tradition that matters to me is... This moment is important because...
- Boost engagement by inviting students to share traditions verbally before writing. This builds confidence and fosters cultural appreciation.
- Extend by having students write a second paragraph reflecting on how the tradition might change or continue in the future.