

Rites of Passage Report



Learning Intentions

- To understand what a Rite of Passage is
- To be able to describe a variety of Birth Celebrations – Hindu, Christian and Humanist

Success Criteria

- I will be able to explain what a Rite of Passage is and give some examples
- I will be able to complete a report describing Hindu, Christian and Humanist Birth Celebrations, and I will be able to explain the importance of these celebrations

The skills I will be using are:



Instructions

- Please read over the following 'Rites of Passage' worksheets
- Use the worksheets to complete the information on the blank 'Rites of Passage' Report. You can either print the Report and fill it in by hand, or save it and fill it in online
- If you fill it in by hand, please bring it back with you when you return to school
- If you fill it in online you can return it to your RMPS teacher, either:
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- As you usually have one period of RMPS per week this work should be completed by 22/5/2020 please.

Rites of Passage



Our life on earth is sometimes thought of as a journey, a journey that has a definite beginning and an end. **Rites of Passage are the important events that are celebrated during a person's lifetime.** They mark moving on from one stage of life to the next, and often involve a family celebration.

Examples of Rites of Passage are:

Birth Celebration

1st Birthday

1st Day at Primary School

1st Day at Secondary School

13th Birthday

18th Birthday

Graduation Ceremony

First Job

Marriage

1st Child

40th Birthday

60th Birthday

Retirement

80th Birthday



Sections 1-2.

Use the above information to complete sections 1 and 2 of the Rites of Passage Report that you will find on the school website. You can draw pictures to illustrate the Rites of Passage that you have chosen.

Section 3.

To help you think about Rites of Passage please use section 3 to draw your 'Journey of Life' so far...

Here is an example to help you: (You can add colour and drawings to your work to make it look interesting)

Jordan's Journey of Life

Born in Edinburgh
On 12th July 2008

Age 2 Moved House

Age 3 Sister born

Age 4 Started Nursery School

Age 5 Started Primary School

Age 7 First pet - Dog

Age 9 Learnt to ride my bike

Age 10 Went on School Trip to
Outdoor Education Centre

Age 11 Left Primary School

Age 12 Started Leith Academy

Birth Celebrations

An important Rite of Passage is the Birth Celebration. Throughout the world, there are many different ways that religious and non-religious people celebrate the birth of babies. Read over the following sections and use the information to fill in the blank Rites of Passage Report.

Section 4. Your First Name

If possible, try to find out the meaning of your first name and write it in section 4.



Section 5. Hindu Birth and Naming Ceremonies

When a Hindu baby is born, the baby is washed and then the holy symbol of 'Aum' is written on the baby's tongue with a gold pen dipped in honey. A prayer is whispered into the baby's ear - **'May your words be as sweet as honey all your life'**.



Twelve days after a baby is born a Naming Ceremony is held. The baby's horoscope is drawn up by a priest, based on the exact minute the baby was born. The priest uses the horoscope to tell the parents which letter the baby's name should begin with.

If the letter is an 'A' the child might be called Anand which means 'happy' or Asha which means 'hope'. Hindu names are usually chosen because they have a special meaning.

The Importance of a Hindu Birth Celebration

The Birth Ceremony is important as the parents want their child to say only kind things in the future.

The Naming Ceremony is important because they believe the stars influence a person's life and that choosing the right name will bring the child good luck.

Section 6. Christian Birth Ceremony – Baptism

When a baby is born into a Christian family it may have a birth celebration called Baptism. The Baptism is usually carried out in a church when the baby is a few months old. During the ceremony water is sprinkled on the baby's head as a symbol of new life. The water is held in a stone basin called a font.

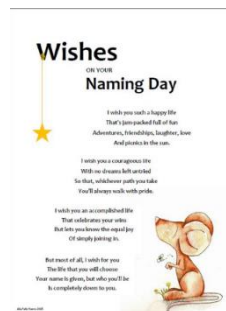


The Importance of a Christian Birth Celebration

Baptism is important as the baby's parents and godparents (supporters) promise to bring the baby up in the Christian faith.

Section 7. Humanist Naming Ceremony

A Humanist Naming Ceremony is non-religious. It gives parents the opportunity to gather with family and friends to welcome their child into the family. During the ceremony the child is given its name publicly, and promises are often made by the rest of the family and friends to support the parents in the bringing up of the child.



The Importance of a Humanist Birth Celebration

The parents can choose some of their friends and family help them bring up their child.

Section 8. Your Opinion

Use this section to give your own opinion on the importance of celebrating a new baby's birth...



Section 9. Another Birth Celebration....

All over the world, religious and non-religious people celebrate the birth of a baby in different ways. Research one of these ways and write about it in section 9.

WELL DONE! YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE REPORT!!!

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