10th Grade English Worksheet: Holidays

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1: Vocabulary**

**A. Match the words with their definitions.**

1. **Festival**
2. **Tradition**
3. **Celebration**
4. **Custom**
5. **Holiday**

**Definitions:**

a. A special event or occasion marked by festivities.  
b. A practice or behavior that is passed down through generations.  
c. A day set aside for a specific purpose, often to commemorate an event.  
d. A widely accepted way of behaving in a particular society.  
e. An event that is celebrated with joy and festivities.

**B. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.**

*holiday, tradition, festival, celebration, custom*

1. Every year, we have a family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for New Year’s Eve.
2. Diwali is a major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in India, celebrated with lights and fireworks.
3. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to exchange gifts during Christmas.
4. Many cultures have their own unique \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that reflect their history.
5. A public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allows people to take a break from work and enjoy time with family.

**Part 2: Reading Comprehension**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions.**

*Holidays are an important part of many cultures around the world. They provide an opportunity for people to come together, celebrate, and reflect on their traditions. Some holidays are religious, such as Christmas and Ramadan, while others are secular, like Independence Day or Halloween. Each holiday has its own unique customs and ways of celebration, which can vary greatly from one culture to another.*

**Questions:**

1. What are two types of holidays mentioned in the passage?
2. Why are holidays important for cultures?
3. Give an example of a religious holiday and a secular holiday.

**Part 3: Writing**

**A. Write a short paragraph (50-100 words) about your favorite holiday. Include the following:**

* The name of the holiday
* When it is celebrated
* How you celebrate it
* Why it is special to you

**Part 4: Discussion**

**In pairs, discuss the following questions:**

1. What is the most important holiday in your culture? Why?
2. How do holidays differ between cultures?
3. Do you think holidays are becoming less important in modern society? Why or why not?

Homework

**Choose a holiday from a different culture that you are not familiar with. Research it and prepare a short presentation (3-5 minutes) to share with the class. Include information about its history, customs, and significance.**