The Dragon Boat Festival

Activity Pack
### Vocabulary

**A** Write the vocabulary words under the pictures.

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**B** Circle the correct vocabulary words.

1. A **drowning** / **serious** dragon boat team can spend a lot of money on equipment.
2. Some **zongzi** is filled with **palace** / **pork**, sausage or mushrooms.
3. You can make simple **zongzi** at home or buy **fancy** / **serious** **zongzi** from stores.
4. A team of people **row** / **war** together to make a dragon boat move across the water.
5. Bugs don’t like the **poet** / **scent** of plants like garlic and peppermint.
6. Qu Yuan was so sad that he walked in a river and **drowned** / **rowed**.
7. If you visit Beijing, be sure to go and see the beautiful **palace** / **pork** there.
8. Long ago, dragon boats were used for **spirit** / **war**.
1. The Dragon Boat Festival is a holiday in China.
2. The Dragon Boat Festival is not a festival about dragons.
3. This festival is late in the summer every year when rivers usually flood.
4. The day that festival is held is the day that a famous poet died.
5. The first dragon boats were small boats rowed by two people.
6. Each dragon boat has two drummers, one in the front and one in the back.

Choose the correct sentence for each picture.

a. The idea that some plants put in scented bags can keep people well has some truth to.
b. Zongzi is a traditional food to enjoy during the Dragon Boat Festival.
c. By tradition, people in China connect rivers with dragons.
d. The Dragon Boat Festival remembers the sad day when Qu Yuan killed himself.
Complete the organizer. Use the information from the book.

### The Dragon Boat Festival

1. **China’s famous Dragon Boat Festival is**
   - in the late ____________ or early ____________
   - on the ____________ day of the ____________ month of the lunar calendar

2. **Long ago in China**
   - dragon boats were used for ____________
   - ____________ with dragon boats became popular
   - people asked the dragon in a ____________ to keep them safe and well

3. **The famous Chinese poet Qu Yuan**
   - ____________ himself after his town lost a war
   - walked into a river and ____________
   - is remembered by people in China during the Dragon Boat ____________

4. **A team that races in a dragon boat**
   - is usually made up of ____________ people
   - most of the people in the boat are ____________ for the team
   - one person at the front of the boat is a ____________

5. **During the Dragon Boat Festival people enjoy zongzi**
   - which is made of rice wrapped in ____________ leaves
   - which is ____________ when it has red beans in it
   - which is savory when it has ____________, vegetables, or mushrooms in it

6. **People also use scented silk bags during the festival**
   - to ____________ doors and walls
   - and put dried ____________ inside of them for the scent
   - which can keep away bad ____________ so people won’t get sick from their bites
A. Complete the survey. Use the sample answers as a guide. If you are at school, ask two classmates. If you are at home, ask your family or call two friends.

1. What do you think of when you think about China?  
   When I think about China, I think of Hong Kong.

2. What is something you can tell me about Hong Kong?  
   I know it is a big, crowded city and it used to be controlled by England.

3. Where did you hear about or learn about Hong Kong?  
   I learned about Hong Kong from movies that I watched that were filmed there.

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B. Share one of your partner’s answers with the class.

My partner was _______________________
He/She told me that the thing that comes to mind for him/her about China is _______________________
He/She explained that _______________________. He/She learned about _______________________
from _______________________.

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Team Project

A  Choose one of the topics below to research.

☐ Dragon Boats
☐ Qu Yuan
☐ Dragon Boat Races in My Country
☐ Chinese Dragons
☐ Races with Boats

B  Write three or more interesting facts about your topic. Then share your information with the class.

Our Topic: ________________________________

Fact 1

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_____________________________________
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Fact 2

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Fact 3

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A way to write a poem is to choose a special word to start with. Each line of the poem starts with the next letter of that word. Here is an example using the word “dragon.”

**Dragon**

Deep in the water
River for her home
Almost forgotten by men
Getting lazy as she gets older
Only heavy rains make her rise
Now she comes to life

Make up your own poem using one of the words below as your starting word. Write it in English for others to read.

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Make a Chinese drum with the things shown below.

1. Tie two beads on two pieces of string.
2. Tape the strings on a paper plate.
3. Tape a chopstick to one plate.
4. Tape or glue the plates together.
5. Decorate or paint your drum.
6. Play to help dragon boat rowers row together or to cheer on your favorite team!
Write the words you learned from this book with their meanings.

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# Book Report

**Book Title**

______________________________

**Author**

______________________________

## 3 Interesting Things I Learned

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

## 2 Expressions I Learned

1. **Expression** ____________________________

   *Sentence (p. )* ____________________________

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2. **Expression** ____________________________

   *Sentence (p. )* ____________________________

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## 1 Question I Still Have

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## Star Rating

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**Reason:** ____________________________

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