

## Take Me To The River New Orleans What Are Your Traditions?

Tradition is the passing of customs or beliefs from one generation to another. In New Orleans, traditions are tied to deep personal bonds between elders and culture bearers and the younger generation, allowing for these traditions to remain meaningful in the present. In learning about the Mardi Gras Indians, you've heard Big Chiefs like Bo Dollis Jr. and Monk Boudreaux talking about how they continue to pass on the traditions of beadwork and song to the next generation. In this worksheet, you'll explore some of your own unique traditions.

What is a tradition that you have with your family or within your community? Some ideas for traditions to explore include traditions around food and holiday celebrations.

How do you celebrate or continue this tradition today?

Where does the tradition take place? Can it occur in any location?

When does this tradition occur? Is it during a specific time of year?

Who taught you this tradition? How did they pass this tradition on to you?

Has this tradition changed at all over the years? How?