

CELEBRATE AND HONOR

Art and writing offer families and communities many opportunities to celebrate culture and traditions and to honor those who have made a difference.

Create a sculpture to honor this achievement and write an accompanying tribute plaque.

GATHER MATERIALS:

- *Color in Culture* by Mari Schuh
- Model Magic®
- Oil Pastels
- Metallic Colored Pencils
- Crayola Signature™ Creative Lettering Pad

ASK AND LISTEN:

- What cultural traditions are celebrated in your family or community?
- Pick one person in your family or community who has made a difference and earned your respect and trust.
- What questions would you ask this person to learn more about family/community traditions and their contributions?



Interviewing a relative or community member can provide insights on cultural traditions. Capture stories and create art that honors the traditions or person.

What stories can you share about our family or community that help others understand our culture and traditions? How did your achievement(s) help our community or family? What traditions are important to you and why?



Reference the *Color in Culture* book to learn about other cultural heritages. Research the cultures and countries on the internet. Interview an elder to learn more about your family's or community's traditions and heritage. Use the insights you gather to create a sculpture that honors that person. First write and sketch ideas in order to organize your thoughts. Then sculpt the image using Model Magic.



Share the sculpture with family members and friends, explaining the heritage story and listening to their questions.



Extend the story by adding thoughts about how the traditions will remain or change in the future.



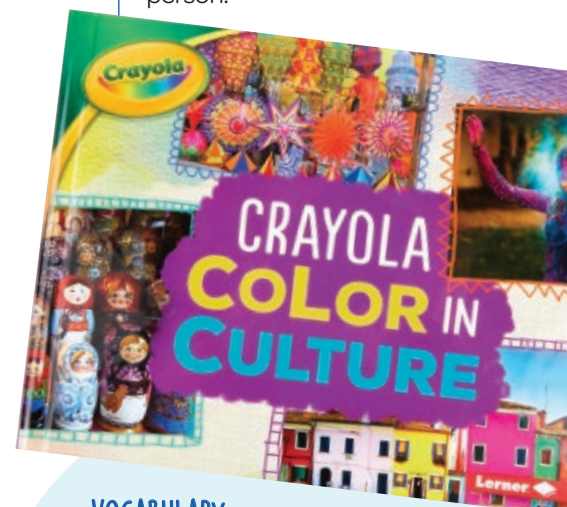
Create a plaque to accompany the sculpture, explaining who the person is, what traditions this person celebrates, and why you decided to honor this person.

MORE ART AND WRITING IDEAS

- Blend Model Magic basic colors to create other colors. For example, mix blue and yellow to form green; and mix red, blue, and yellow to form brown.
- Ask other relatives and community members about heritage (what is received from the past) and legacy (what is given to the next generation). "What part of your heritage is important to leave as your legacy?"

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: Stories about where people came from and the history of family traditions are often shared out loud, as oral history. Encourage young children to question as they listen to storytellers.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN: Stories about those who have come before us help young adults gain respect for and embody their heritage. Discussions about legacy help young adults think about the future and their role in their family's ongoing story.



VOCABULARY:

celebrate
respect
honor
community
leader
elder
contribution
insights

heritage
legacy
culture
tradition
sculpture
plaque

