

Clip: Many Families

Episode 13: Family

Activity: Family Traditions

Theme: Dance Skills

Elements of dance: body, relationships

1. As a class, view the clip, *Many Families*, where Tara is embarrassed by her parents who openly express their opinions and values. Ask the class to reflect on the traditions and values of their family and to write down three traditions that their family observes, and three strong values that are constant in their family.
2. Have the students read the character profiles for Tara, Sammy and Christian from the '*Dance Academy Series 1 Media Kit*' (see pages 5-10). Each of these characters have different family traditions and values:
 - o Sammy's family is Jewish and values the Jewish traditions and beliefs.
 - o Tara's family feels a close connection to the land, valuing wide open spaces and close family ties.
 - o Christian has a close relationship with his deceased mother and wants to fulfill the promises he made to her before her death.
3. Ask each student to compare and contrast their family's values and traditions with those held by the characters' three families. As a class, share their findings.
4. Using **Student Activity Sheet E13.3: Family Traditions**, ask students to select up to four traditions that their family observes. Have them write down as many action words as possible about the tradition. For instance: if the tradition is Christmas, then the words may be wrapping and unwrapping, kissing, singing, basting, waving, smiling, opening, decorating a room or tree, etc.

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5. Dance charades:
 - a. Organise students to work in small groups.
 - b. As a group they decide on one tradition to develop a movement phrase for. They list as many verbs as possible for the tradition.
 - c. Ask them to select eight words that have explicit actions and create a phrase that represents some aspect of the tradition.
 - d. Each group will perform the movement phrase and also watch the other groups to guess what tradition is represented.

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Student Activity Sheet E13.3: Family Traditions

Dance Academy Series 1 Media Kit

Useful resources:

- [Australian Family -Traditions: creating identity](#)
- [Creating Family Tradition](#)
- Smith-Autard, J. *Dance Composition: A practical guide to creative success in dance making*, A&C Black; Pap/DVD edition (August 3, 2010)

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Student Activity Sheet: E13.3 Episode 13: Families
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Family Traditions

In each of the boxes below describe an activity that your family does together, using adjectives and if you enjoy drawing, include some pictures. No sentences required.

FAMILY ACTIVITY ONE _____

FAMILY ACTIVITY TWO _____

FAMILY ACTIVITY THREE _____

FAMILY ACTIVITY FOUR _____