

Family Fun is an exhibition that allows the readers to go back in time and relive past entertainment that families used to enjoy. Parks, walks and trails would be featured, famous shopping belts are also showcased. Relive memories from iconic landmarks such as the National Theatre and Great World Amusement Park. The way festivals have been celebrated in the past would also be featured. How can we also forget the popular games of yesteryears too?

< for Primary School Students >

Educators' Guide



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About the Exhibition

'A family that plays together stays together'. Since the development of the nation through the yesteryears, Singaporeans of all walks of life have always tried to find places to relax and unwind after a week of hard work. Once the weekend arrives, everyone in the family would find interesting things to do! Be surprised at how much fun a typical family can have on this island!

Family Fun is an exhibition that focuses on the fun people once had, in the hope of allowing people to relive their memories and to let the younger generation appreciate the past memories of those that lived through it.

Join us in this journey to find out how festivals such as Hari Raya Puasa and Deepavali, iconic places past and present such as the Van Kleef Aquarium and Haw Par Villa as well as parks such as Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and the Singapore Botanic Gardens created memories for people across different generations!

Follow us as we step into an era of fun and go back in time to sense how different (and similar as it may seem) of times past and present.

Some examples of festivals, iconic places and parks!

Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, usually falls in January or February. Traditionally, the festival stretches over 15 days of celebrations.

National Theatre was built in 1963 to commemorate Singapore's achievement. Located at the bottom of Fort Canning Hill and on River Valley Road, National Theatre was once the premier venue for performances, concerts and conferences.

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is Singapore's only remaining mangrove swamp. Located in Kranji, it was gazetted a nature reserve in 2001.

Key Concepts

You can connect *Family Fun* to your curriculum using these key concepts. They convey the main educational themes of the exhibition.

The exhibition provides a platform for students to appreciate the simpler pleasures when life was simpler, to understand the changing aspects of time and appreciate the importance of memory in history.

The iconic places, festivals and parks or nature trails featured in this exhibition are relatable to the people that lived through the past and present alike. Some of these festivals have evolved over time celebration wise. Students will get an opportunity to appreciate Singapore's the way of life in early Singapore, and provide a glimpse of the values of appreciation of the little things in life that were valued, that material goods are not overly pursued.



Understanding our history would allow a better understanding of the past and treasure the fruits enjoyed in the present.

Through the understanding of history, students will be able to infer about the differences in the times past and present and understand that the previous generation, such as the Pioneer Generation, have also enjoyed times similar to us

The stories challenge students to talk to their parents and grandparents about the past.

These anecdotes on the past can only spur conversation topics between the old and the young. This will provide teachers with the opportunity to integrate knowledge sharing into the lesson to educate students on the importance of conversations with the elderly, to understand that many of them once led lives like ours too!



A PRE - VISIT

Come Prepared

Review this guide prior to your visit to the exhibition. You may research for more information about Singapore's festivals, places of interest or parks to share with your students.

Class Discussion

Before you visit the exhibition, let your students know that they will be able to learn about various Singapore festivals, places and parks. Read aloud the write up that can be found in the "About the Exhibition" page to your students and discuss the Key Concepts with your students.

Ask them to write down their thoughts in the Pre-Exhibition Questions space! If you wish to discuss more, consider using these questions!

What are some values from the older generation that your parents have taught you?

Do you know of other Singapore traditions and places of interests that you can share with the class?

Do you know any festival traditions?

Do you know any urban myths? If yes, do share with the class.

During the exhibition

Encouraging Students to Think!

Do ask students to think about questions such as:

What is their favourite festival or place of interest that they would like to go?

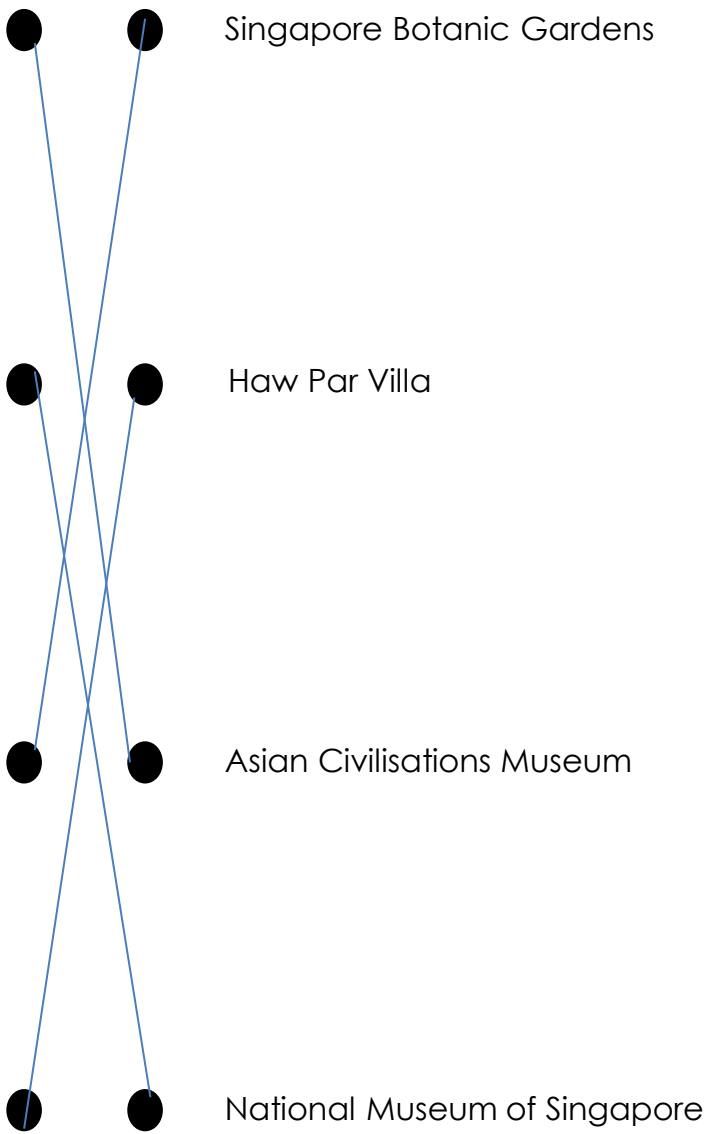
What are the values that they can learn through games and festivals?



B WHAT AM I?

Match the pictures on the left to the correct place on the right!

Picture	Place
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FESTIVALS

Singapore is made up of a multi-cultural society and we get to celebrate different festivals such as Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Puasa, Deepavali and Christmas.

Refer to the questions below and provide advice to these friends on what they should do.

I've invited Ahmad and Raju to my house to celebrate Chinese New Year.

What should I take note of?

Ming Hock

Ming Hock needs to make sure that....

Make sure that the food provided is halal, and there are vegetarian options.

Ahmad and Raju need to...

1) *Wear bright colour clothes. E.g. It is believed that the colour red brings luck*
Avoid wearing black

2) *Bring gifts for Ming Hock to thank him for inviting you to his house*

Ming Hock has invited us to his house to celebrate Chinese New Year and we are excited to go!

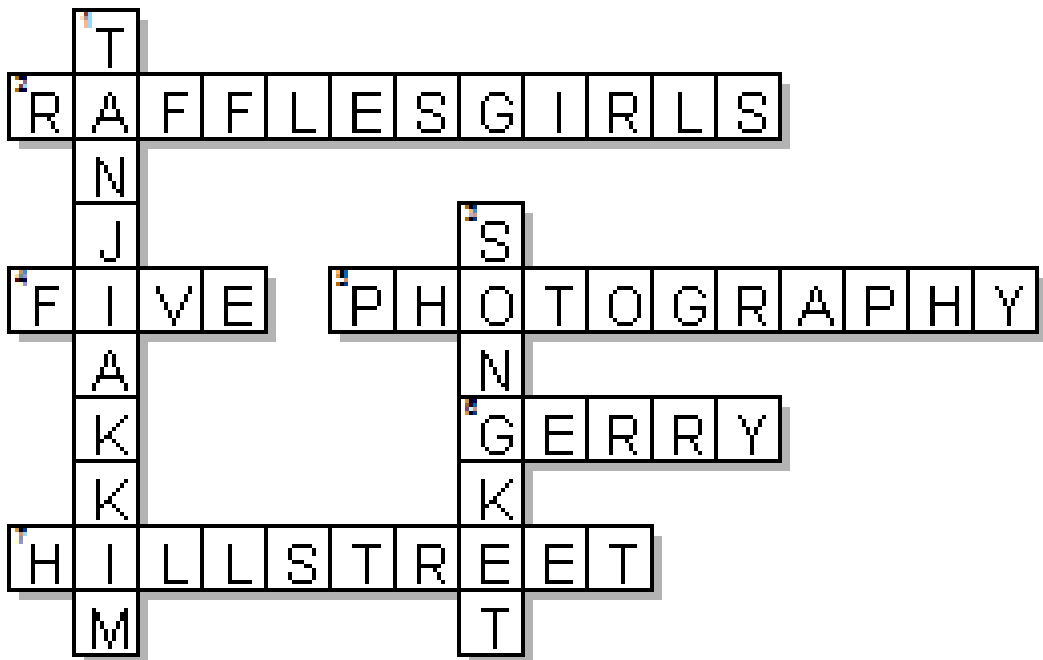
What should I take note of?

Ahmad & Raju

Respecting one another is important in maintaining harmony in Singapore!



E FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM



ACROSS

- 2 Which school did Margaret Clarke attend?
- 4 How many siblings did Gerry have?
- 5 What business did G.R Lambert & Co. own?
- 6 Who did Margaret Clarke marry?
- 7 Where was Lee Brothers' studio located?

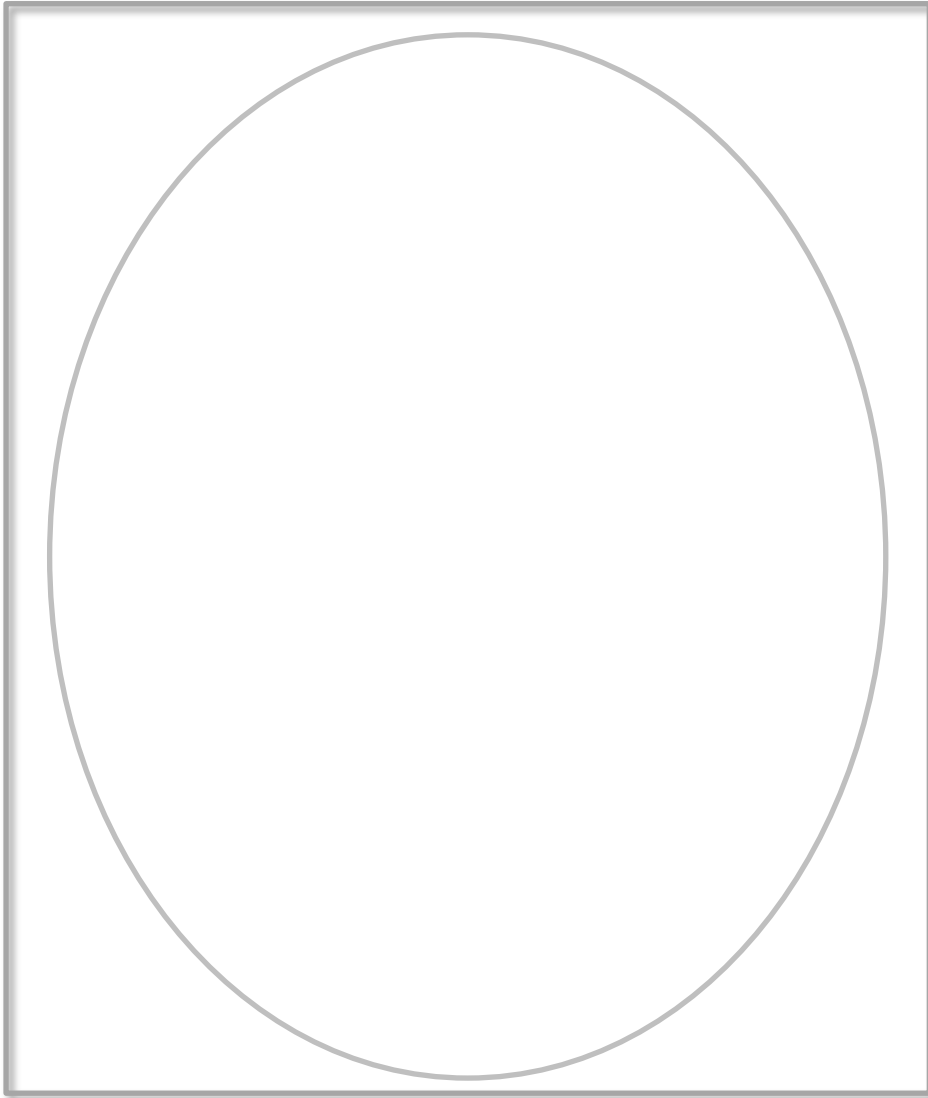
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- 1 Who is Tan Kim Seng's grandson?
- 3 What is Sultanah Khalijah's western gown made of?



D MY PORTRAIT

Draw your own portrait!



(name) _____

(date of birth) _____

(description of my family) _____



F MY REFLECTIONS

Draw and describe your favourite family moment

(a) Write down one thing you have learnt from this exhibition.

(b) Let's start planning for your next family outing! Identify two activities you would like to do with your family members. Why did you choose those activities?



Post-Exhibition Activities

Think and Discuss These Questions with the Students!

Take some time in class to do either group discussions or as a mass class discussion to sum up the thinking concepts!

1. What were some of the things that you have learned from reading the panels? Try listing as many positive ideas as possible in the space given below.
2. You met someone living in the 1960s who can tell you anything about Singapore that you want about at that time, what would you ask for and why, and what would you do with this information that you now know?
3. Why do you think Singaporeans should remember these places even though they no longer exist? Are traditions still important in this day and age?

Further Reading

In addition, you may wish to consider asking students to explore these websites to find out more!

Do give students encouragement after they have completed the worksheet!

To read up about other Singapore's festivals:

<http://www.yoursingapore.com/content/traveller/en/browse/see-and-do/culture-and-heritage/cultural-festivals.html>

To read up about other Singapore's well remembered places that Singaporeans will enjoy:

<http://www.iremember.sg/>