

*Romance, Hopes and Dreams* is an exhibition that highlights the significance of some of the most important and commonly practised wedding customs and rituals in multi-ethnic Singapore.

< for Secondary School students >

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# PRE - VISIT

Before going for the exhibition, write down your thoughts here!

**What do you think this exhibition is about?**

I think the exhibition is about

**What do you hope to learn from the exhibition?**

I hope to learn about

**How do you feel about visiting this exhibition? Why?**

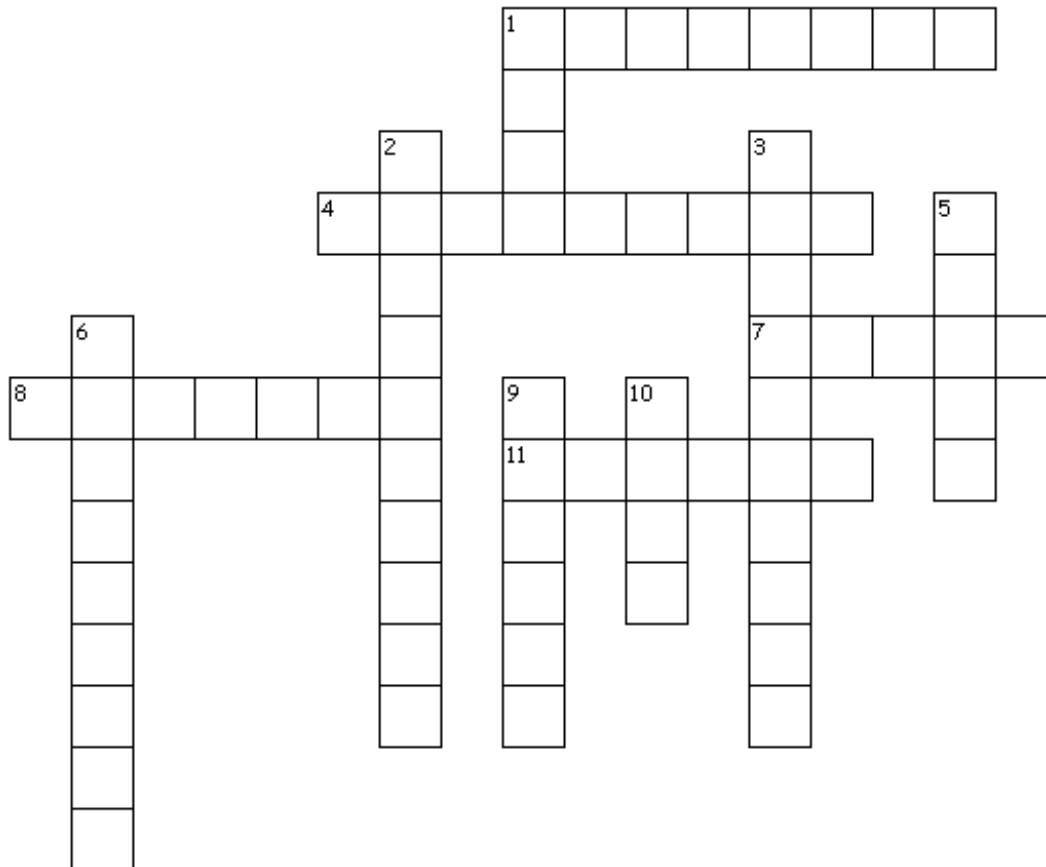




# DURING THE EXHIBITION

## A MY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Read the text carefully and fill in the words in the crossword puzzle!



### Across

Everyone who has been served tea is expected to give a red packet or a piece of 4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the couple.

Special food such as sambal sandwiches, 7. \_\_\_\_\_ cakes are served at a Eurasian wedding reception.

In Indian weddings, a portrait of 8. \_\_\_\_\_ is hung close to where the bridal couple is seated.

In a Chinese wedding, after paying homage to 11. \_\_\_\_\_ and Earth, tea is offered to the family ancestors to obtain their blessings for the marriage.



## Romance, Hopes and Dreams (Sec)

### Down

The couple then pray to the 1 (D). \_\_\_\_\_ god Agni, and a coconut, betel leaves, fruit and flowers are offered to signify the end of the wedding.

The 2. \_\_\_\_\_ which is a Malay wedding reception, usually takes place a day after the akad nikah ceremony.

Cherished values such as respecting elders, filial 5. \_\_\_\_\_ are evident in the role that elders in a Chinese wedding.

Weddings in the past were mostly 6. \_\_\_\_\_.

The 9. \_\_\_\_\_ wedding is the most important event the largely Catholic Eurasian community.

The signing of a marriage contract is done according to Muslim rites and in the presence of a 10. \_\_\_\_\_.

### Across & Down

Other marriage ideals such as the desire for 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and fertility; the need for community acceptance for the marrying couple; the importance of 1 (A). \_\_\_\_\_ and unity in a marriage.



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**MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE**

In this exhibition, you have seen many rites and rituals of different weddings. Which is your defining one and why do you think it is meaningful? Nominate your most meaningful wedding ritual and tell your friends about it!

# The Most Meaningful Wedding Ritual!

I, \_\_\_\_\_ nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
**The Most Meaningful Wedding Ritual.**

This wedding ritual deserves a nomination because:

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**My Declaration:**

This wedding ritual is important because:

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The wedding ritual shows Singapore culture in the following ways:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use technology!**

Tell your friends about the choice you made!

Tips - Upload a photograph on Instagram or Facebook, encourage your friends to "like" your choice! Hashtag #romancehopesanddreams





**C** **STRETCH YOUR IMAGINATION**

Many married Singaporeans hold dear memories of their weddings and have attended weddings across different races as well.

Compare two rituals across two different races and explore the similarities between them!

<u>SELECTED RITUALS</u>	<u>SIMILARITIES ACROSS TWO SELECTED RACES</u>
1	1
2	2

IN WHAT WAY ARE WEDDINGS DIFFERENT TODAY? IN WHAT WAY ARE THEY  
SIMILAR?



**D MY PERSONAL REFLECTION**

Good values can be learnt through life's experiences. These rituals can be considered to be representative of Singapore. What values can be espoused in concepts of wedding rituals?

What can you tell about values in Singapore through weddings in Singapore's past? Are these values still important today? Write down three values with examples where you have seen them.

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Value: \_\_\_\_\_

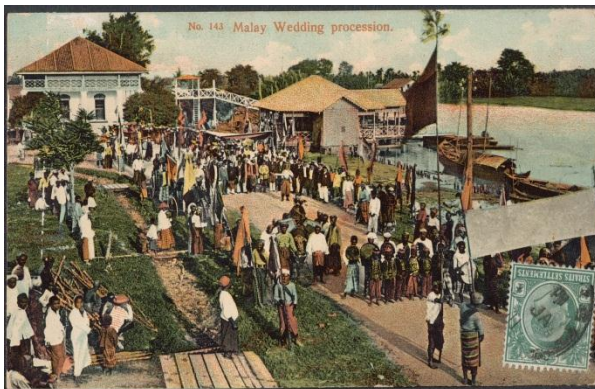
Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

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# POST EXHIBITION QUESTIONS

**Discuss these questions with your teacher!**

1. Why do you think these wedding rituals have withstood the test of time?
2. How have weddings today evolved from the past?
3. Why is it important to continue the rituals and practices in modern weddings?



List two things you have learnt from the exhibition.



What do you remember most from *Romance, Hopes and Dreams* exhibition? Why?



\*\*\* Congratulations on reaching the end of this activity sheet.  
You are so marvellous!