

We Will Remember



My grandfather is old, and the tradition of celebrating Hanukkah is important to him. All of our Jewish traditions are very important to him. He fears that his family will one day forget their heritage and lose interest in the things he holds so dear. His will is strong, and he is determined to keep that from happening.

So, each year on the first night of Hanukkah, he gathers our family around the beautifully decorated dining room table. The solid wood table is sturdy like my grandfather. In the center stands the Menorah. According to tradition, the first candle is lit. Grandfather tells us once again the story of how the holiday began. He reminds us to be thankful for our Jewish heritage.



He speaks with passion as he looks into our faces and asks us never to forget. Often, I see tears in my Grandfather's eyes. I love and respect my grandfather very much, and I do not want him to worry or be sad. So, each year I remind him, "We will remember." Renewed hope lights his face, he smiles, and the celebration continues.

Choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.

- _____ 1. In the story, what holiday is important to Grandfather? a. the Menorah
- _____ 2. He fears his family will forget their Jewish _____. b. Hannukah
- _____ 3. What stands in the center of their wooden table? c. remember
- _____ 4. Grandfather speaks with _____ about Hanukkah. d. heritage
- _____ 5. His grandson promises that they will _____. e. passion