

Design-Your-Own “Rite of Passage”

A Rite of Passage is a ritual or ceremony practiced in a culture that symbolizes a change in the person’s status within the community. Going through these rituals gives the participant and the community a sense of belonging, and there are often rules and guidelines for behavior before and after these rituals. What Rites of Passage can you think of in the present day or in the past?

Things to consider as you design your “Rite of Passage”.....

What will you call your celebration?”

How old do you have to be to participate?

Is it for boys, girls, or both?

Is the celebration the same for both?

Once you complete the rite of passage, what things can you do?

What do you have to do in the ritual?

What do the different parts of the rite symbolize?

What happens if you miss the rite at the time it is supposed to happen?

What happens if you cannot complete the rite as you are supposed to?