

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

Celebration of a national day

South Africa has many public holidays. It also has other days that are not public holidays, but are celebrated as national days. One example of this is the 18th of July. The 18th of July is now celebrated, both in South Africa and abroad, as Mandela Day, because it is Nelson Mandela's birthday. The day was first celebrated in 2009, when Nelson Mandela celebrated his 91st birthday.

National days are important, because they celebrate an important part of the nation's history. Match the national day on the left with the concept it celebrates on the right. Then write the matching symbol in the grid below.

	National day		Concept			
1	Human Rights Day 21 March	A	A newly created public holiday that recognises aspects of South African culture, such as creative expression, our historical inheritance, language, the food we eat and the land we live in.			
2	Freedom Day 27 April	B	The anniversary of the Soweto Uprising in 1976.			
3	Worker's Day 1 May	C	The anniversary of the Sharpsville Riots in 1961.			
4	Youth Day 16 June	D	The anniversary of the Battle of Blood River, when the Afrikaners beat the Zulu army.			
5	National Women's Day 9 August	E	The anniversary of the first democratic elections in 1994.			
6	Heritage Day 24 September	F	The anniversary of the march to Pretoria in 1952 by thousands of women who were protesting against the Pass laws.			
7	Day of Reconciliation 16 December	G	A national day throughout the world that celebrates workers everywhere. In America it is known as Labour Day.			
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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solutions						
1	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		C	E	G	B	F	A	D