



Celebrating the Dead

1. Explain what the funeral tradition is of the Caviteño people of the Philippines, and why you think it may have developed.



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2. Is there a tree that is important to you? Explain why it is special, either in words, or with a labelled drawing.

3. If you lived in Ghana, what shape coffin would you choose? Why?



Ghanaian carpenters Kudjoe Affutu and Daniel Mensah made these hen- and car-shaped coffins for customers.

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4. **Why** do you think there is dancing at some New Orleans funerals?



Cheryl Gerber

"Music here is as much a part of death as it is of life."

—Sidney Bechet, a famous New Orleans jazz musician

5. Why were kids in Victorian times more familiar with death and dying than kids today?



6. Do you think it's a good thing that kids were more familiar with death? Why/why not?

7. What do Muslims', Christians', and Jews' beliefs about death have in common?

