



How Much Do You Know About FFA Rituals and Traditions?

The FFA has certain rituals such as the opening and closing ceremony that have remained pretty much the same over the years. Also there are certain traditions that have emerged over the years. Go to the head of the class if you can answer the following questions about FFA rituals and traditions.

- A number of the ceremonies and procedures used in the FFA are closely modeled after those of which organization?
 - Grange
 - Masons
 - Farm Bureau
 - Lions Club
- The opening and closing ceremony in the FFA:
 - Was approved at the first convention in 1928.
 - Was approved at the second convention in 1929.
 - Was approved at the third convention in 1930.
 - Has never officially been adopted by the FFA.
- The FFA emblem is modeled after:
 - A Scandinavian wood carving
 - A logo used in *The Cultivator* magazine
 - An advertisement used by the John Deere company
 - A painting by Grant Wood
- The FFA motto first appeared in print about 10 years prior to the establishment of the FFA. It first appeared in:
 - The Vocational Summary, a publication of the Federal Board for Vocational Education
 - A Boys Life Magazine article titled "Living to Serve"
 - A 4-H bulletin titled "Organizing the Local Club"
 - The book *Experience and Education* by John Dewey
- The FFA creed closely resembles:
 - The Farmer's Creed
 - The Country Boys Creed
 - The Creed of the Patrons of Husbandry
 - Psalm 56
- The official FFA slogan (which is rarely used) is:
 - Forward FFA
 - To Make the Best Better
 - The Successful Farmer of Tomorrow is the Future Farmer of Today
 - FFA Boys: True Blue and Good as Gold
- The national agricultural education officials first approached a city other than Kansas City about hosting the national congress of vocational agricultural students. This city said no. If the city had said yes, the FFA would have had a long history with:
 - Denver
 - St. Louis
 - Chicago
 - Nashville
- In the early days of the national FFA convention, members were given an article of clothing when they checked in at the convention. This item was:
 - An official FFA tie
 - A FFA handkerchief
 - A FFA t-shirt
 - An "ice-cream vendor type" FFA cap
- Everyone knows the official FFA colors are National Blue and Corn Gold. However, at the 1929 national convention a different colored gold was adopted. That decision was reversed the following year. The original gold was:
 - Fools Gold
 - Old Gold
 - Antique Gold
 - FFA Gold
- Prior to 1938 the greenhand, chapter, and state degree pin was missing something found on degree pins today (the American degree pin had the missing item). What was missing?
 - The words "Vocational Agriculture"
 - The owl
 - The rising sun
 - The eagle

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Agricultural Education, Communication, and 4-H Youth Development at Oklahoma State University and are emulating his leadership. Rob is an Associate Professor and has established his leadership in technology and evaluation. Val has established hers through activities as State 4-H Events Coordinator.

Bob has exhibited his faith in his quiet way through his actions and through his service to his church. For example he served as chair of the administrative board through troubled times of pastor change and other problems.

True leadership earns its spurs through the day-to-day actions and relationships among peers. Bob Terry, Jack Pritchard, and I all started at Oklahoma State University together in the Agricultural Education Department under the leadership of Mr. Bob Price in 1969. We worked together side-by-side until 1975 when Bob Terry took over as Department Head. Since then we have added other faculty members to the Department, and in 1993 merged with Agricultural Communications and 4-H Youth Development. Bob continued as Program Leader for Agricultural Education and added the role of Director of the Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Program. Through all of this, to quote Bob, "We may have had our disagreements, but we worked them out agreeably." I personally have always enjoyed and admired Bob Terry's leadership.

To me he really fits the mold of the true leader in Agricultural Education!

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Joe Scatterscrew

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Mr. Jackson got up shaking his head. Just as he was about to speak the table saw came on with a loud whir. Two greenhands catapulted off the saw as a group of seniors doubled over in laughter. Joe scolded, "If you smart-alecks don't want a detail you'd better simmer down and pay attention!" Joe waved his paddle, "Go ahead Mr. Jackson."

Mr. Jackson started speaking about the importance of keeping good records. Hollis Holt and Buckeye Dugger grinned at each other. They had already convinced Mr. Scatterscrew the best way to keep records was to fill out all of the records at the end of the project. That way you would have all of your bills and receipts available.

The banker explained the procedure to go through in borrowing money. Mr. Jackson was trying to explain what collateral was to the students. He mentioned that often livestock could be used as collateral. Lonnie Sams held up his hand and wanted to know if he could use his coon dog for collateral for a loan. Mr. Jackson rolled his eyes and looked at the ceiling. Mr. Jackson spoke for several more minutes then sat down shaking his head.

Clem stood up, "We have about five minutes before activity period is over, is there any business we should conduct?"

PeeWee Page stood up and said, "We ain't had no hayride in a year. I think it would be a good idea to have a hayride, therefore, I make a motion we have a hayride."

Wilma Scrabanek seconded the motion. "Dill Pickle" Beamer jumped to his feet, "Mr. President, I rise to point of order. 'Ain't, ain't good English." The president agreed and

told PeeWee he should practice his English. The president then proceeded to call for a vote on the motion and it passed.

The bell rang to end the period. All of the students stormed out. As they rushed out of the room, Joe scratched his head and wondered what to do with all of the chairs from the lunchroom as they would be needed for lunch. Maybe he could get some kids out of study hall or out of P.E. to help carry them back.

As Joe was walking to the study hall, he began to muse over the meeting. "You know," he said, "that was a pretty good meeting, them kids learned a lot about credit and banking. They did pretty good on their parts and they got a chance to practice parliamentary procedure. I guess this FFA is really good for them. It really does help develop leadership. You know, I might have another FFA meeting come next spring."

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Answers:

1. B. Three of the FFA founders were Masons.
2. D
3. A. A photograph of this wood carving can be found in the North Carolina FFA museum.
4. A
5. B.
6. C. Look at the graphic on page 4.
7. C.
8. D
9. B
10. D. These pins still exist today and can be purchased from some of the on-line web auction sites. There is no eagle on top.