

All About Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

What Is Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month?

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month is when people learn about the great histories of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers and helping people understand how they live so that everyone can get along better. It is celebrated in June.

Many years ago, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers were groups of people who might have moved from place to place, however, now that is not the case. Most Gypsies, Roma and Travellers live in houses or permanent sites, but some choose to live in caravans and travel around. They have their own beliefs, histories, cultures and languages.

Travelling communities have often been treated unfairly because some people do not understand Gypsy, Roma and Traveller traditional ways of life.

People often do not like where sites are built, and can call nasty names at people from the Travelling communities.



Problems Gypsies and Travellers Face

- People who travel have to have permission to park their caravans. This makes it hard for those who travel to find a place to stop.
- All children have to go to school, but for families who choose to move around, it can be difficult to find school places.
- Some people can be really unkind to Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, because they think they are different.

Skills and Talents

Many talented and famous people are from the Gypsy and Traveller communities. The Romany Diamonds are a popular Gypsy music group from Poland, and Flamenco dancing is a Spanish dance that came from the Gypsy culture.

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Questions

1. What is Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month about? Write one answer.

2. In the past, where did Gypsies and Travellers live?

3. Why have Gypsies and Travellers been treated unfairly?

Tick one.

- They don't make friends
- People think they are different
- They have caravans

4. Find and write one word which means Gypsies and Travellers need to ask if they can park their caravans in certain places.

5. True or false? Gypsy children do not need to go to school.

Circle your answer.

True False

6. What do you think it would be like to move around and live in different places?

Answers

1. What is Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month about? Write one answer.

Accept one: Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month is about letting people know about the great histories of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers /helping people understand how they traditionally live.

2. In the past, where did Gypsies and Travellers live?

They moved around and lived in different places.

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5. True or false? Gypsy children do not need to go to school.

Circle your answer.

True

False

6. What do you think it would be like to move around and live in different places?

Answers will vary.