Artist Carmen Lomas Garza was born in Kingsville, Texas, located near the Mexico – United States border by the Gulf of Mexico. She created a series of works that recall memories of her life growing up with her family in the small border town. In a tamalada, families gather to make large batches of tamales during the holiday season. The entire family, adults and children alike, organize an assembly line to produce tamales. Garza uses these scenes of family life to educate mainstream America about the traditions that are passed on from one generation to the next.

A tradition is the handing down of information, beliefs, or customs from one generation to another. Culture is a pattern of behavior shared by a society, or group of people. Many different things make up a society’s culture. These things might include food, language, and celebrations. Look closely at this print, how does this artwork reflects cultural tradition?
How do cultural traditions shape you as a person? Think about your own life and where you recognize cultural traditions around you. They might be shared with your family, friends or community. **Draw an event or a cultural tradition in the space below.**