

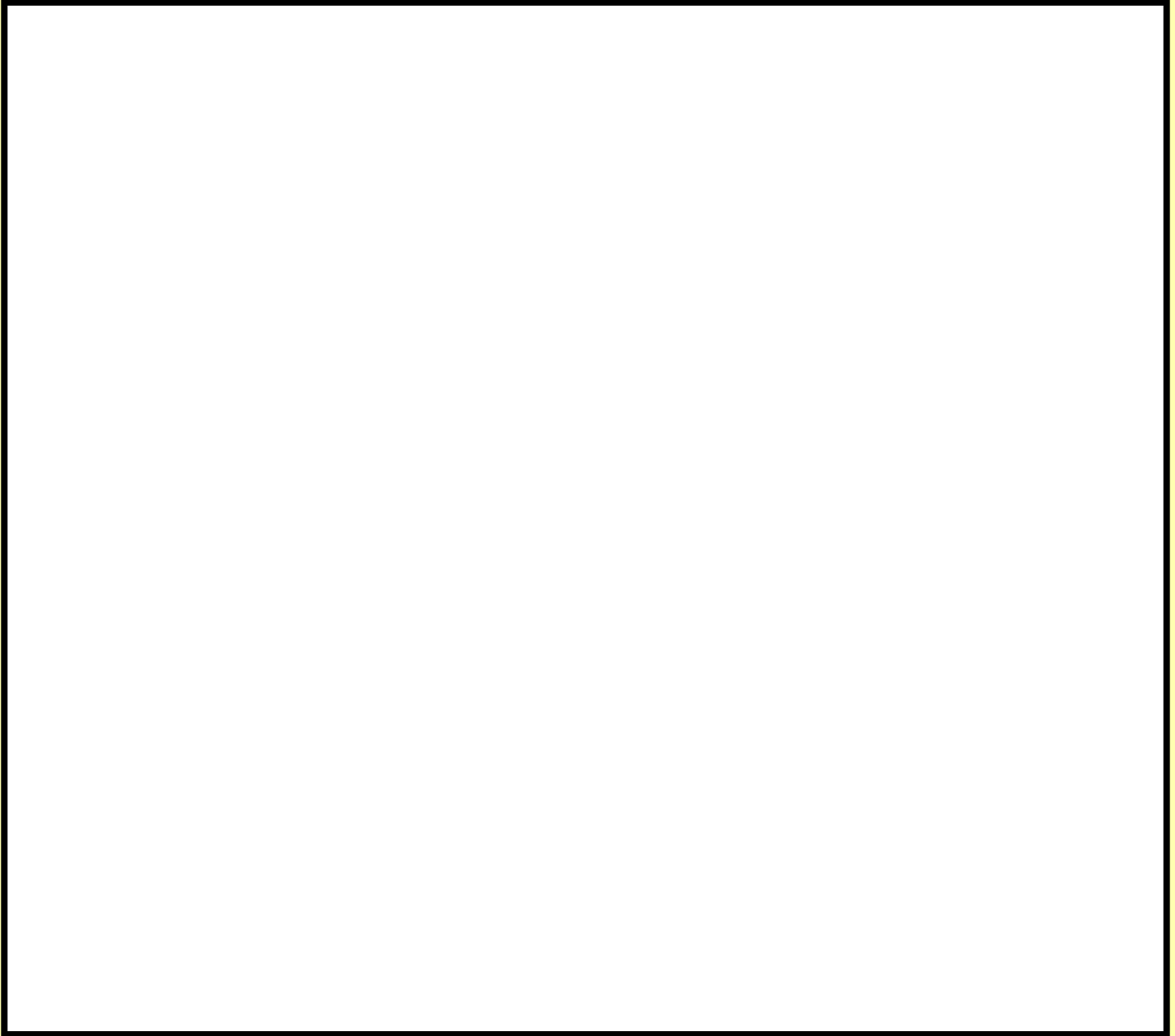
Artist Carmen Lomas Garza was born in Kingsville, Texas, located near the Mexico – United States border by the Gulf of Mexico. She created a series of works that recall memories of her life growing up with her family in the small border town. In a *tamalada*, families gather to make large batches of *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.



**Carmen Lomas Garza** *Tamalada*, 1990 Color lithograph on paper

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 reflect 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.**



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