

Now that you've each observed a ritual and documented its essential features, as a group you will now create a new collective ritual.

### **Step One:**

- Make a list of all of the features of the rituals you individually observed (these should come from the details you underlined in your fieldnotes)
- Identify which elements are shared across the different rituals.

### **Step Two: Create your own ritual!**

Write up a "how-to" manual of your ritual that should include the following sections:

#### Description of the following elements (and more):

- key symbols
- symbolic accomplishments
- authorized figures,
- repetitive practice
- practices/ behaviors/ language set off from normal life)

#### Identification of

- - what the ritual is for
  - what kind of ritual it is,
  - who is its audience and who are its participants
  - where and when it's performed

#### Questions you should be able to answer include:

- What actions make this event different from other events that the participants participate in everyday
- How often is it repeated?
- What does the ritual say about the culture or society performing it?
- What do these rituals accomplish?
- What symbols are used; how and why?
- What myths are expressed and what do they mean?
- How are ritual elements used, and what for?

This description should be between 1.5-2 single spaced pages. ***Be creative and include as much detail as possible!***