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People in China celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> Festival also known as the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Proper Noun</sup> Festival. The celebration occurs on the 15th day of the 8th month on the Chinese lunar calendar. The holiday originates from the ancient custom of moon worship where people would pay tribute to the moon by performing sacrifices. The Chinese people would pray to the moon asking for good luck and a bountiful harvest.

There is a legend that a long time ago ten suns revolved around the Earth and it was so hot that the suns scorched the crops. Finally, a hero named Hu Y took out his bow and shot down 9 of the suns. A goddess then gave Hu Y an elixir that would give him immortality. But the elixir would only work for one person and Hu Y wanted to stay with his beautiful wife Chng . So Hu Y gave the elixir to his wife for safekeeping. One day when Hu Y was away an evil man named Fng Mng came and tried to steal the elixir. Because Chng could do nothing else she drank the elixir, gained immortality and floated up to the moon. From then on people would pray to Chng and ask for safekeeping.