

Day of the Dead Quest Sheets

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Octavio Paz writes the Mexican has no problems with death that he "... chases after it, mocks it, courts it, hugs it, sleeps with it, it is his favorite plaything and his most lasting love." In your opinion, how is this idea similar to or different from our "United States" view on death?

Most people in the United States are afraid of death because it seems like a dark thing, and at the same time it can be a cruel thing if it is intentional. In contrast, it can also be considered honorable if the person who passed away died for a good reason.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

All Saints Day is celebrated on November 1st and All Souls Day is on November 2nd

Even though each region in Mexico celebrates Day of the Dead differently, what are things that they do have in common.

All Mexicans celebrate the fact that their loved ones, whether it be family or friends, have passed on and are living a new life. Altars are made to honor and represent them. Different items, foods, flowers, personal items, and even skulls can be found on the altars.

November 1 is reserved to remember infants and children.

November 2 is reserved to remember adults and the elderly.

From mid-October to the first week in November, what are some of the items markets and shops stock up on?

Markets and shops stock up on sugar skulls, candles and incense, and even flowers such as Marigolds.

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

Pan de muerto, sugar coffins, sugar skulls, amaranth seeds, and chocolate are enjoyed on the Day of the Dead.

What are some things that are used to create an altar?

Masks, incense, candles, flowers, and skulls are used to create altars.

What occurs on November 2?

The Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, occurs on November 2. It is also known as All Souls Day which means those who died as adults are celebrated. Family members gather at cemeteries for gravesite reunions, but it is more festive than somber.

How do Aztecs view death?

The Aztecs view death as another phase of life. They also believed that life was a dream, and they truly woke up when they passed away.

In Mixquic, what takes place to celebrate Day of the Dead?

The Mixquic holds one of the most outstanding and emotional Day of the Dead celebrations. They give offerings to the souls of the departed, they make altars to resemble their loved ones who have passed on, candles are lit for every soul, food is eaten, and everyone is very festive.

Food Quest Sheet

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Who is la Katrina?

She is the visual symbol for El Día de los Muertos who is dressed in a plumped hat and dress.

What are some foods that are made during Day of the Dead?

Pan de muerto, sugar skulls, moles, tamales, and chile-laced dishes

What are the different types of Pan de Muertos or Bread of the Dead?

There are 200 different types. They are all in different shapes such as human beings, animals, or rabbits, but the most common is round. Pan de Muertos can also be sprinkled with sugar and decorated with a skull and cross bones.

What do children love to eat?

Sugar skulls

What is the purpose of having a glass of water at the altar?

It is to give to the souls who are thirsty and tired after their long journey.

In your own words, describe the cemeteries in Mexico? What do you like or dislike about the cemetery decorations?

The cemeteries are very well kept and are usually clean. Musicians are often hired to play songs to the deceased graves. I think that the cemetery decorations are interesting and I like how each one is unique depending on whom the decorations are for. It is interesting, too, to see the Spanish concept of death and how it is usually viewed as a happy thing.

Look at the two recipes along the right side of the page. Would you eat either one of these recipes? What do you like and do not like about each?

I don't like the ingredients in Caramel Flan so I would not enjoy eating that but I would like to eat the Chalupa because of the meat ingredients.

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Wordplay Quest Sheet

Unscramble the vocabulary word, then using the glossary, write the definition.

1. avlasecr: Calaveras
2. oelm: Mole
3. lpoalic: Copalli
4. otlae: Atole
5. gatnielso: Angelitos
6. tacera: Careta
7. acavler: Calavera
8. fodraen: Ofrenda
9. qfelnaieu: Alfenique
10. apn ed osl ermtuso: Pan de los muertos
11. zpamchtelei: Cempazuchitl

Definitions

1. songs and poems about the festival

2. a thick sauce made from a variety of ingredients, including chilis, sesame seeds, herbs, spices, chocolate and fruit
3. a scented resin used to make incense
4. an ancient drink made from corn meal and water and flavored with various fruits
5. the souls of the children who have died; literally "little angels"
6. mask worn by dancers to scare the dead away at the end of the celebrations
7. a skull; also a slang term for "daredevil"
8. an offering; refers to the goods set out on the altars
9. a special confection used to fashion skulls, fruits and other figures
10. bread of the dead
11. a yellow marigold, the symbol of death, also known as cempasuchil or zempasuchitl

Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

