

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?

It is different because Americans typically fear death and is a very sad event when someone dies; whereas Mexicans embrace it.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

All Saints Day is November 1st, and All Souls Day is November 2nd.

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

Most celebrate using colorful adornments, family reunions at burial plots, special foods, offerings at altars, and fireworks.

November 1 is reserved to remember deceased infants and children.

November 2 is reserved to remember adults who have passed away.

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 skeletons, macabre toys, tissue paper cutouts, wreaths, crosses, flowers esp. marigolds, and candles.

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

1. Pan de muerto
2. Sugar shaped as skulls and coffins
3. Chocolate
4. Amaranth seeds
5. Unadorned dark bread molded into humanoid

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

Tissue paper, flowers, photographs, candles, candies, and favorite foods and drinks are usually placed on the altar.

What occurs on November 2?

Families gather at grave sites to celebrate. They usually have picnics and vendors set up to sell food and drinks. Pyrotechnic rockets are also usually sent up to honor all.

How do Aztecs view death?

They viewed it as a blessing to die in childbirth, battling, or as a sacrifice because you were guaranteed a good position in the afterlife.

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

Families gather at burial plots that have been elaborately decorated. Merchants set up and people begin to be festive in the last days in October. At 2 p.m. they mourn for the loss. That night candles light up the grave sites, and the souls of the dead return.

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Who is la Katrina?

Katrina is the name of the skeleton with a plum hat and dress. She has become a symbol for the Day of the Dead.

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

Favorite foods would be made such as moles, tamales, pan de muerto, and candy for dead children.

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

Typically its round but can be shaped into humans or animals. They can be sprinkled with sugar or anise seeds.

What do children love to eat?

They love to eat sugar skull treats.

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

Souls are tired after their journey to the altars, so the glass of water quenches their thirst.

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

The gravestones are close together. On the Day of the Dead families clean and repaint gravestones. They decorate the graveyards with flowers and candles. I like how they decorate them with things that the dead liked, but I don't like how they repaint the gravestones.

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?

1. Pan de Muerto – Yes, this looks very good. I like the ingredients in the bread such as the sugar and cinnamon.

2. Horchata – No, I don't think I would enjoy this because of the almonds and rice.

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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. zpmachtcleui = compazuchitl

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 compasuchil or zempasuchitl

Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

