

Day of the Dead Quest Sheets

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Clase:

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

Americans shy away from death, and don't make it such an inviting event. Part of it is because there are many diverse religions in America where some religions believe in an afterlife and some don't, so in respect for those who don't, we try not to celebrate the passing of people.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

La Día de todos los Santos es la primera de Noviembre, y La Día de Todos los Almas es el dos de Noviembre

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

They all use lots of color, family reunions at family burial sites, preparation of special foods, and offerings are laid out, including religious items, and sometimes fireworks

November 1st is reserved to remember deceased infants and children

November 2nd is reserved to remember deceased adults

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

They display artists' arts, including paintings, sculptures, photography, and baked goods.

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

- Pan de Muerto
- Sopaipillas
- Caramel Flan
- White Chocolate Molé

- Shrimp Tamale Filling

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

They used and bring pictures of the deceased and the family, flowers, decorations, candles, and their favorite food and drink of the one's passed.

What occurs on November 2?

The family gathers at the gravesite for a family reunion, which is more festive than somber.

How do Aztecs view death?

They believe that souls continue to exist after physical death and go to the land of the death, waiting for the day each year when they can come home and visit their loved ones instead of the believe of resurrection or sanctity. It was considered life's own reward.

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

Street stalls are set up days before the celebrations start. A procession goes through town carrying a cardboard coffin, leading the way to the cemetery where a candle-light vigil will take place

Food Quest Sheet

Who is la Katrina?

A skeletal figure in a plumed hat and dress, and has become the instant visual signal of El Día de Los Muertos

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

- Pan de muerto
- Sugar Skulls
- Traditional Liquors
- Chocolate
- Pumpkin Candy

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

They differ in shapes, such as round (most common), human beings, animals (especially rabbits). Some have anise seed. They can be sprinkled with sugar, with knobs in the dough that represent skulls and bones

What do children love to eat?

Sugar skulls are loved by children

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

They believe after the journey, the souls are thirsty and tired

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

I like that the graveyard isn't as solemn and scary as they are here in America, and that not only do they respect the dead, but they celebrate for their next life. It's nice knowing

the priest is always around to pray with you for the ones you lost. The candles and flowers bring life.

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?

We picked Calabaza en Tacha (candied pumpkin), but decided we didn't find it appetizing because it's made with a lot of pumpkin and sugar, and that doesn't sound flavorful. We also picked Cajeta Crème Brulee with Mexican Chocolate Sauce, and it sounds really yummy. It's made with goat milk, which would probably give it an interesting flavor, and it's sugary and chocolately.

Wordplay Quest Sheet

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

1. ***avlasaecr*** = calaveras
2. ***oelm*** = mole
3. ***lpoalic*** = copalli
4. ***otlae*** = atole
5. ***gatnielso*** = angelitos
6. ***tacera*** = careta
7. ***acavaler*** = calavera
8. ***fodraen*** = ofrenda
9. ***qfelnaieu*** = alfenique
10. ***apn ed osl ermtuso*** = pan de los muertos
11. ***zpmachtcleui*** = 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

Halloween

Día de Los Muertos

