

# **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?**

Americans tend to fear death- we run from it, paint it as something that is often evil and should be viewed as a tragedy. However, many Americans intentionally tease death on a daily basis, such as the thrill of skydiving or bungee jumping.

## **When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?**

November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Colorful adornments, reunions at burial plots, special foods, offerings, and special ceremonies.

**November 1 is reserved to remember** deceased infants and children.

**November 2 is reserved to remember** those who died as adults.

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

Fireworks, items for altars, marigolds, candles and incense.

## **List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.**

Pan de los muertos

Sugar

Candy Coffins

Chocolate

Calaveras de azucar

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

Candles, flower, incense, photographs and possessions of the deceased.

**What occurs on November 2?**

There are parades, people dressed up in costumes, and feasts.

**How do Aztecs view death?**

That there is life after it, and it is a blessing.

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

Everyone creates altars to celebrate their deceased relatives and walk through the streets with skeletons.

**Food Quest Sheet**

**Who is la Katrina?**

A skeletal figure in a plumed hat and dress.

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

Bread of the dead, traditional liquors, chocolates, pumpkin candies

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

Round shaped, but can also be shaped as people, animals, etc. Some have anise seeds.

**What do children love to eat?**

Sugar skulls.

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

The spirits are tired after their journey.

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

Large, with flowers and pictures of the dead surrounding the packed tombstones. They are painted, with many candles and plates of food set around. I like it all- it's festive, and so different from America.

**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 would love to try pan de muerto- it seems so different from regular bread. I would also love to try chicken in pipian sauce, it seems so unique and not enough chicken dishes in America use sauce.

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### **Wordplay Quest Sheet**

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

1. Avlasecr: Caleveras
2. oelm: Mole
3. Ipoalic: 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. zpamhtcleui: Cempazuchitl

### **Definitions**

1. Songs and poems about the festival.
2. Thick sauce used in many ingredients.
3. Scented resin used to make incense
4. Ancient drink made from cornmeal and water.
5. Souls of dead children.
6. Masks worn by dancers to scare the dead
7. A skull.
8. An offering
9. Bread of the dead, a special ceremonial bread.
10. A yellow marigold, symbol of death.

# Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

