

## Day of the Dead Quest Sheets

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### Day of the Dead Quest Sheet

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 US believe that death is a bad thing and that it is an end to many happy things.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

November 1<sup>st</sup>-All Saints Day

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-All Souls Day

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

All people celebrate Day of the Dead by visiting deceased family members and making alters to their memory. Fireworks are shot off and celebration food is eaten.

November 1 is reserved to remember infants and children.

November 2 is reserved to remember adults.

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

Sugar skulls, marigolds, candles, incense

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

Sugar skulls and coffins, chocolate, amaranth seeds, and pan de muerto

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

A table and downside up wooden crates

What occurs on November 2?

Families go to cemeteries and have festivals to commemorate the dead.

How do Aztecs view death?

It is a blessing.

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

They light candles and ring bells to remember the dead.

Food Quest Sheet

Who is la Katrina?

The sign of the day of the dead, she is a skeleton dressed in a dress and hat.

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

Favorite food of the deceased and pan de muerto

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

Some have seeds and they can be baked into different shpes.

What do children love to eat?

Sugar skulls

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

The souls are thirsty and tired, therefore they are in need of a drink.

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

The cemeteries are crowded and decorated with flowers and colors. I prefer cemeteries to have a haunting feel that gives off an eerie vibe. I like how they are used to remember the dead respectfully and happily.

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 not eat the pan de muerto because I am a vegan and I don't eat milk. I would eat the pumpkin candy because it seems like a delicious sweet treat.

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## Wordplay Quest Sheet

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

1. Avlasecra-cavalaras

2. Oelm-mole
3. Lpoalic-copalli
4. Otlæ-atole
5. Gatnielso-angelitos
6. Tacera-careta
7. Acavlera-calavera
8. Fodraen-ofrenda
9. Qfelnaieu-alfenique
10. apn ed osl ermtuso-dio todos los santos
11. zpamchtcleui-cempazuchitl

### **Definitions**

1. Songs and poems about the festivals
2. A sauce made from fruits and vegetables
3. A resin that is used to create a nice smell
4. A drink made from corn meal, water, and fruit
5. Souls of dead children
6. Masks worn by dancers to scare away souls
7. A skull
8. An offering
9. A special way of configuring skulls, fruits, and other items
10. All Saints Day
11. A yellow marigold, the symbol of death

# Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

Halloween	Both	Day of the Dead
Scary decorations Go around and get candy Dress up in costume Go to people's homes October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dress up Decorations Commonly celebrated	Happy decorations Honor the deceased Wear nice clothes Go to the cemetery November 1st