

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 American usually fear death and it is considered a very sad happening when someone passes away. In Mexico, death is embraced and honored.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

All Saints Day is on November 1st. November 2nd is All Souls Day.

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

They both have colorful adornments, family reunions at burial spots, special foods, offerings at altars, and fireworks.

November 1 is reserved to remember infants and children who have died.

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

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

Skeletons, macabre toys, detailed tissue paper cutouts, wreaths or crosses decorated with paper or silk flowers, candles, flowers (marigolds) and barro de obispo.

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

Some edible goodies are sugar skulls and coffins, chocolate or amaranth seeds, pan de muerto, and unadorned dark breads molded into humanoid figures(souls).

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

People use papel picado, candles, flowers, photographs of the dead, candy skulls, and the person's favorite foods and drinks are used to create the altar.

What occurs on November 2?

Families have reunions at the cemetery at the loved ones burial spots, which is more festive than depressed. Merchants sell drinks and food outside of the cemetery. Pyrotechnic rockets are also sent to honor the dead.

How do Aztecs view death?

Aztecs thought that dying in childbirth, battle, or human sacrifice was a blessing because you were guaranteed a good location in the afterlife.

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

In Mixquic, merchants start to set up and people become festive during the last days of October. The burial plots are elaborately decorated with earthly pleasures in the hopes of luring the dead back. AT 2 p.m. they mourn the loss of their loved ones, but that night candles are lit up at the grave sites and the souls of the dead come back.

Food Quest Sheet

Who is la Katrina?

La Katrina is the name of the skeleton with a plum colored hat and a dress. She has become a symbol of 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?

The different types of Pan de Muertos is that it is typically round, but it can be shaped into the shape of humans and animals. Also, some have anise seeds, or they can be sprinkled with sugar.

What do children love to eat?

Children love to eat sugar skull treats.

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

A glass of water is important because the souls are thirsty after their journey to the altars.

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

The gravestones are packed together. On Dia de los Muertos, families clean and paint the gravestones. They decorate the graveyards with candies and flowers. I like how they decorate the graveyard with things that their loved ones actually enjoyed.

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. Chicken tamales- I would like this recipe because I like chicken and I like tamales and everything that is in the recipe.

2. Horchata-I would like the almonds and cinnamon in Horchata, but I don't think I would like the rice part of the drink.

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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 = calvera
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. 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, flavored with various fruits.
5. The souls of children who have died; literally “little angels”.
6. Mask worn by dancers to scare away the dead at the end of the celebration.
7. A skull; also a term for daredevil.
8. An offering; refers to the goods placed 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.

Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

