**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?

The Mexican opinion of death is practically opposite the view of death that most people in the United States have. In the United States, death is viewed as a terrible, dreaded, sorrowful event that brings grief upon loved ones. Death is automatically connected to tears, funerals, and emptiness.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

It is celebrated on November 1st and November 2nd.

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

Each region celebrates with colorful decorations, the gathering of family, delicious treats, offerings, and rituals.

November 1 is reserved to remember those who died as babies or small 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?

Stores stock up on Mexican candies and flowers, especially Marigolds. They also keep decorations in stock for the altars of the dead, such as candles.

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

-Pan de Muerto

-Tamale steps

-Posole

-Caramel Flan

-Horchata

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

Flowers, candles, statues, pictures, incense, and vegetables are arranged around a table in order to create an altar.

What occurs on November 2?

A mass service is held in honor of the dead after the family has gathered at the gravesite of the decesased.

How do Aztecs view death?

The Aztecs viewed death as a mere continuation of their life on Earth. They did not have a fear of death, but instead they welcomed it.

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

Relatives of the deceased sleep beside the graves of their family members who have died. They leave pillows and blankets out for the deceased as well.

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