**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?

In the United States, people take death as a bad thing. They don’t embrace it, and they are fearful of it.

When is All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrated?

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

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

There are colorful adornments and lively reunions at family burial places. They also have foods and offerings on altars for those who died.

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

November 2 is reserved to remember adults that have died.

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

They stock up on skeletons and toys, cut outs called papel picado, wreaths, silk flowers, candles, and fresh season flowers like cempazuchiles

List 5 edible goodies enjoyed on Day of the Dead.

Skulls and coffins made from chocolate, amaranth seeds, specially baked goods, sugary sweet rolls, and unadorned dark breads molded into humanoid figures.

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

They use papel picado, candles, flowers, photographs of those who died, candy skulls, and favorite foods and drinks of people who died.

What occurs on November 2?

Family members gather at the cemetery, and they picnic to celebrate the person’s death.

How do Aztecs view death?

They view death as a blessing.

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

They have festivals and color celebrations to remember the dead.

Food Quest Sheet

Who is la Katrina?

It is a skeletal figure in a plumped hat and dress, and she is a visual sign of Dia de Los Muertos.

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

Ther is pan de muerto(bread of the dead), chocolate

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

There are round, human, or animal shaped bread. Some have anise seeds too.

What do children love to eat?

Different types of candy, like sugar skulls with their names on them.

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

It is supposed to represent that after the journey of the souls they are thirsty and tired

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

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?

Calabaza en tacha: no we would not eat it. We like that there is sugar in it, but we dislike that there is pumpkin inside it.

Chicken tamale filling: no we would not eat it. We do like that there is chicken in it, but we all strongly dislike onions.

**Wordplay Quest Sheet**

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

1. Avlasecr: Calaveras: a skull; also a slang term for the “daredevil”
2. Oelm: Mole: a thick sauce made from a variety of ingredients, including chilis, seasame herbs, spices, chocolate and fruit
3. Lpoalic: Copalli: a scented resin used to make incense
4. Otlae: Atole: an ancient drink made from corn meal and water and flavored with various fruits
5. Gatnielso: angelitos: the souls of the children who have died; literally “little angels”
6. Tacera: careta: the mask worn by dancers to scare the dead away at the celebrations
7. Acavler: calvera: a skull; also a slang term for “daredevil”
8. Fodraen: ofrenda: an offering; refes to the goods set out on the altars
9. Qfelnaieu: alfenique: a special confection used to fashion skulls, fruits and other figures
10. apn ed osl ermtuso: pan de los muertos: bread of the dead
11. zpamchtcleui: cempazuchitl: a yellow marigold, the symbol of death, also known as cempasuchil or zempasuchitl

Day of the Dead vs. Halloween

Both

* They have celebrations
* They eat candy
* They are both celebrated annually

Dia de Los Muertos

* You honor the dead
* It is celebrated on November 2nd
* They make pan de los muertos

Halloween

* You dress up in costumes
* You trick or treat
* You don’t honor the dead
* It is on October 31st the day before All Saints Day
* It is a children friendly holiday
* They carve pumpkins