

World Book® Online:

The trusted, student-friendly online reference tool.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Día de los muertos

Día de los muertos is a Mexican holiday in honor of people who have died. Use this webquest to learn more about this holiday, the people who celebrate it, and the country where it is celebrated. (*Día de los muertos* is also celebrated in other places in the world where groups of Mexican people live.)

First, log onto **www.worldbookonline.com**

Then, click on “Kids.” If prompted,
log on with ID and password



Find it

Find the answers to the questions below by using the “Search” tool to search key words. Since this activity is about *Día de los muertos*, you can start by searching the key words “*Día de los muertos*.”

Write the answers on the lines provided or below each question.

1. On what day is *Día de los muertos* usually celebrated?
2. *Día de los muertos* is Spanish for _____.



3. Who are honored on Día de los muertos?
4. What is the name of the altar that many families place in their homes and cemeteries?
5. Why do families decorate the altar on Día de los muertos?
6. On Día de los muertos, people eat candies and other treats shaped like _____
or _____.

.....

Facts about Mexico

Día de los muertos *is a holiday celebrated in Mexico.*

Answer the questions below to learn more about Mexico.

(Hint: For help in answering these questions, see the “Mexico” article.)

7. The capital and largest city of Mexico is _____.
8. Which country ruled Mexico for 300 years?
9. Click on the “Mexico in brief” table. What is Mexico’s official language?
10. Look at the image “Mexico flag and coat of arms.” What three colors make up the vertical stripes in Mexico’s flag?
11. Mexico lies south of _____ and north of _____ and _____.
_____. (Hint: Insert the names of three countries in the lines provided.)
12. In which year did Mexico win its independence?





What's the Word?

Questions 13-22. Find hidden within the puzzle the words from the list below. The words may be spelled out vertically (up and down), horizontally (across), or diagonally (slanted). Also, the words may be spelled in the right order, or they may be spelled backwards.

Altar

Celebration

Day of the dead

Día de los muertos

Family

Holiday

Mexico

November

Ofrenda

Spanish

D L M C F I L A S P S D K W V I H O
M I X P I Q K D N P P V W F Q T O H
J V A K W O C N M L A S D A Z X L J
H R J D P A O E T L P N K P U X I T
G I C C E R Q R S V W I I G R G D O
D O A Q Q L Y F C Z D E R S W X A W
U A X Q H Y O O P A I C L H H Y R
I X E P F P A S R E B M E V O N O A
O Z W D R P S E M D F I M B F E K T
A G R P E U J O P U D J M G G D F L
W B B H Z H D X B G E A N K T A D A
J L G F W B T B Y I W R M H M R G L
J U V D J Z B F G Y Q C T I H N E B
M E X I C O B K O F H P L O H C A F
D Q J U D X G J W Y N Y B A S Z F B
W W J M N S Z L K S A Z O Y R P L J
C E L E B R A T I O N D R C P C E T
P L F Y P F Y S R B K L A O Q W W Z



Teacher Page

Answers:

1. Día de los muertos is usually celebrated on November 2.
2. Día de los muertos is Spanish for day of the dead.
3. The dead are honored on Día de los muertos.
4. Many families place an altar called an ofrenda in their homes and in cemeteries.
5. Families decorate the altar to welcome the souls of their dead family members and friends.
6. On Día de los muertos, people eat candies and other treats shaped like skulls or skeletons.
7. The capital and largest city of Mexico is Mexico City.
8. Spain ruled Mexico for 300 years.
9. Mexico's official language is Spanish.
10. The vertical stripes in Mexico's flag are green, white, and red.
11. Mexico lies south of the United States and north of Belize and Guatemala.
12. Mexico won its independence from Spain in 1821.

13-22. Word Search Solution:

D L M C F I L A S P S D K W V I H O
M I X P I Q K D N P P V W F Q T O H
J V A K W O C N M L A S D A Z X L J
H R J D P A O E T L P N K P U X I T
G I C C E R Q R S V W I I G R G D O
D O A Q Q L Y F C Z D E R S W X A W
U A X Q H Y O O P A I C L H H Y R
I X E P F P A S R E B M E V O N O A
O Z W D R P S E M D F I M B F E K T
A G R P E U J O P U D J M G G D F L
W B B H Z H D X B G E A N K T A D A
J L G F W B T B Y I W R M H M R G L
J U V D J Z B F G Y Q C T I H N E B
M E X I C O B K O F H P L O H C A F
D Q J U D X G J W Y N Y B A S Z F B
W W J M N S Z L K S A Z O Y R P L J
C E L E B R A T I O N D R C P C E T
P L F Y P F Y S R B K L A O Q W W Z