

DAY OF THE DEAD

What is the festival about?

Have you ever heard of the Day of the dead? The Day of the Dead is a festival celebrated mostly by Mexicans. It takes place mostly in Mexico but other countries also celebrate it. The Day of the Dead also has another name. Mexicans call it "Día De Los Muertos". The Day of the Dead is not Halloween.

MEXICO

How is it CELEBRATED?

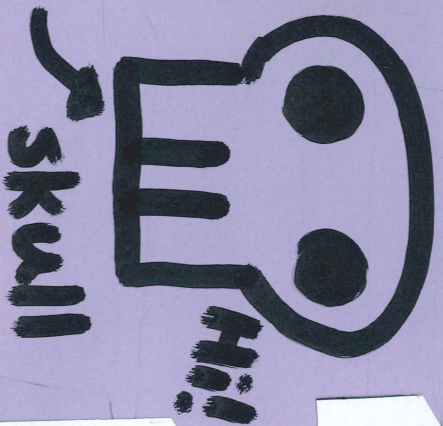
People decorate graves and build altars. They put pictures and set out flowers and candles. People also put the food their ancestors like onto the altar. They also put a type of sweet bread (also called bread of the dead) on altars. People eat and make delicious sugar skulls with their ancestor's name on it. Yummy! People paint their faces to look like skeletons. The colours are always bright and colourful. People wear traditional costumes with colourful patterns on them. People also watch street parades and visit altars and graves with family and friends. They dance and sing Mexican songs in cemeteries.



A beautiful altar decorated with skulls, candles, flowers and food. People also put a picture of the ancestor onto the altar.



The Mexico Flag



When do people celebrate this festival? People celebrate the Day of the Dead during November 1st and 2nd. It lasts two days usually. November 1st is to honour children who died. November 2nd is to honour everyone who died. They prepare this festival five days before.

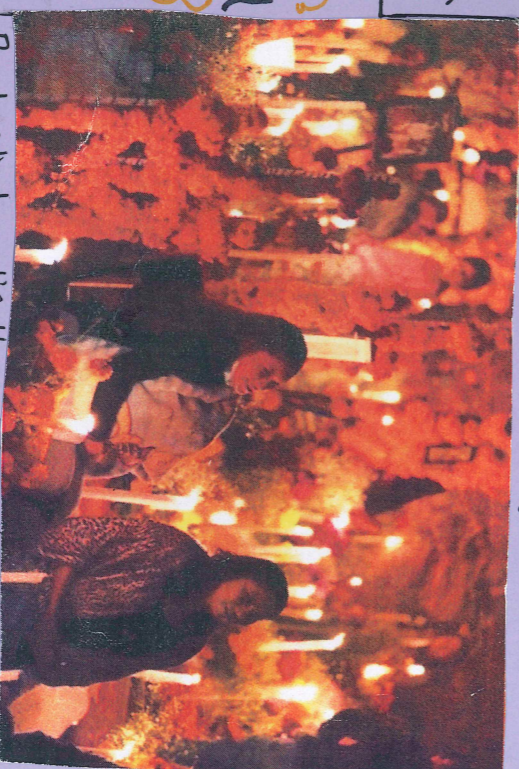
Why do people celebrate the festival? People celebrate the Day of the Dead to honour loved ones who passed away. It is a happy time where people sing and dance for their ancestors. Some adults tell children stories about their ancestors.



Sweet bread (Bread of the dead) and a sugar skull.

What is an altar? An altar is a table used to honor and offer gifts to the dead.

What is a cemetery? A cemetery is a large burial ground, where dead people are buried.

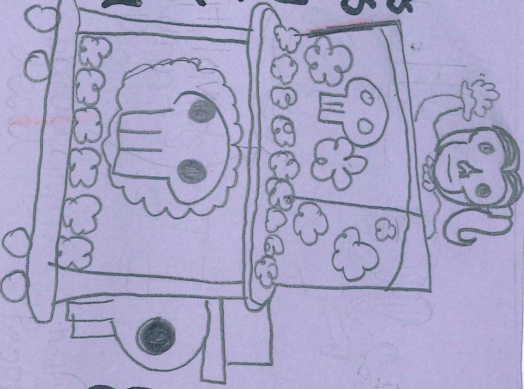


People at a beautifully - decorated cemetery. The lit-up candles look stunning at night!

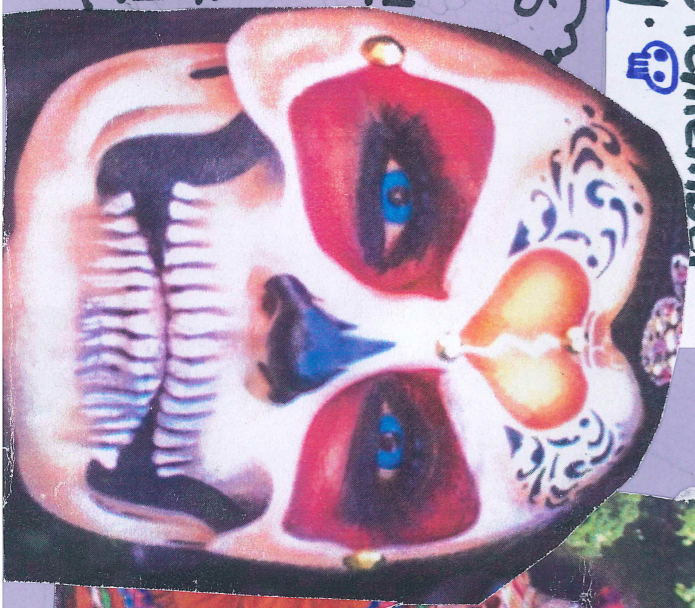
The Day of the Dead is a happy festival to remember those who died. It is full of love and joy.

Conclusion

People watch shows and PARADES at the Day of the Dead too! There are often people dressed as skeletons.



THANKS FOR READING! See you during The Day of the Dead!



Traditional costume