

All About **DAY OF THE DEAD** CLOSE READING PASSAGES

GRADE 2-3

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Dia de los Muertos

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Sugar Skulls

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Remembering Loved Ones

In many cultures, including Mexico, people celebrate a special day called the Day of the Dead. On this day, families honor their loved ones who have passed away with photos, flowers, candles, and special foods. Their loved ones' spirits come back to visit them. It's a time for sharing memories.

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Sugar Skulls

People celebrate a special holiday called Day of the Dead during this time is making sugar skulls. These skulls are colorful and decorated with icing and flowers. Families make sugar skulls to remember loved ones who have passed away. They believe that on the Day of the Dead, the spirits of their ancestors come to visit them. Sugar skulls are a joyful way to honor loved ones.

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Honoring Ancestors

In Mexico and some other Latin American countries, there is a special holiday called "Day of the Dead." On this day, people remember and honor their ancestors and loved ones. Families create altars with photos, flowers, and special foods to honor their loved ones.

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Day of the Dead

Every year, on November 1st and 2nd, people in Mexico celebrate a special holiday called the Day of the Dead. During this time, families remember their loved ones who have passed away. They build altars in their homes with pictures of their family members, along with their favorite foods, drinks, and belongings. They also decorate the altars with colorful flowers, like marigolds, and light candles to honor their loved ones.

1. What do people in Mexico celebrate on November 1st and 2nd?

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Dia de los Muertos

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a special holiday celebrated in Mexico and other parts of the world. It is a time when people remember and honor their loved ones who have passed away. Families create altars, or ofrendas, with photos, flowers, and special foods to remember their loved ones. Marigolds, called cempasuchil, are often used to decorate the altars because they are believed to attract the spirits of the dead with their bright color and strong scent. On Dia de los Muertos, people also visit cemeteries to clean and decorate the graves of their loved ones. It is a time for sadness and celebration, as people come together to remember and honor those who have passed away.

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