

MEXICAN

Independence Day

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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY
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MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (SEPTEMBER 16TH)
On September 16th, people in Mexico celebrate a very special day - Independence Day. It's a day filled with excitement, pride, and joy.

THE BEGINNING OF A JOURNEY
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THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM
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THE VICTORY
On September 27, 1821, Mexico achieved a hard-fought independence after years of perseverance. A monumental triumph was met with overwhelming joy by the people of Mexico. Their relentless struggle for freedom and gratitude, they embraced the opportunity to celebrate their newfound independence with jubilant celebrations.



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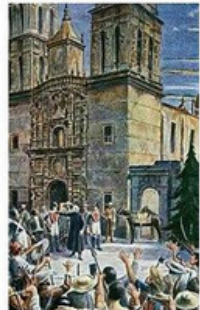
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MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (SEPTEMBER 16TH)

Every year on September 16th, people in Mexico celebrate a very special day called Mexican Independence Day. It's a day filled with excitement, pride, and colorful festivities.

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THE VICTORY

On September 27, 1821, Mexico achieved a hard-fought victory, securing its long-awaited independence after years of perseverance and sacrifice. This monumental triumph was met with overwhelming joy and relief among the people of Mexico. Their relentless struggle for freedom had finally come to fruition, marking a significant milestone in their history. With hearts full of pride and gratitude, they embraced the opportunity to commemorate their newfound independence with jubilant celebrations.

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CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

Today, Mexican Independence Day is celebrated with parades, music, dancing, and delicious food. The streets are filled with the colors of the Mexican flag - green, white, and red. People gather with their families and friends to honor the heroes who fought for their freedom.

TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

One popular tradition is the reenactment of the Grito de Dolores. Every year, the President of Mexico stands on the balcony of the National Palace and shouts the famous cry of "Viva México!" The crowds respond with cheers and shouts of joy.

Another tradition is the decoration of houses and streets with papel picado, colorful paper banners with intricate designs. These banners add to the festive atmosphere of Mexican Independence Day.



CONCLUSION

Mexican Independence Day is a time to remember the courage and determination of the people who fought for freedom. It's a day to celebrate Mexican culture, history, and identity. So, on September 16th, let's join our Mexican friends in celebrating their independence with joy and pride! Viva México!

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MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (SEPTEMBER 16TH)

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. What is celebrated on September 16th in Mexico?**
 - a) Christmas
 - b) Mexican Independence Day
 - c) Halloween
 - d) New Year's Eve
- 2. Who was Miguel Hidalgo?**
 - a) A Spanish ruler
 - b) A Mexican hero
 - c) A famous singer
 - d) A French explorer
- 3. What event is known as the Cry of Dolores?**
 - a) A famous battle
 - b) A celebration
 - c) A call for independence
 - d) A religious ceremony
- 4. When did Mexico finally win its independence?**
 - a) September 15, 1810
 - b) September 16, 1821
 - c) September 27, 1810
 - d) September 27, 1821
- 5. How is Mexican Independence Day celebrated?**
 - a) With parades, music, and dancing
 - b) With fireworks only
 - c) With a silent march
 - d) With a formal ceremony

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. When is Mexican Independence Day celebrated?
2. Who rang the church bells to call for independence?
3. What is the Cry of Dolores also known as?
4. How do people celebrate Mexican Independence Day?
5. What is papel picado?

6. What colors are associated with Mexican Independence Day?
a) Red, blue, and white
b) Green, white, and red
c) Yellow, black, and green
d) Blue, white, and yellow

7. Who reenacts the Cry of Dolores during Independence Day celebrations?
a) The President of Mexico
b) The children
c) The soldiers
d) The priests

8. What are papel picado?
a) Traditional Mexican dances
b) Colorful paper banners
c) Mexican musical instruments
d) Traditional Mexican dishes

9. What does "Viva México!" mean?
a) Long live Mexico!
b) Happy Independence Day!
c) Goodbye Mexico!
d) Congratulations Mexico!

10. What is the main theme of Mexican Independence Day celebrations?
a) Remembering ancient civilizations
b) Honoring heroes who fought for freedom
c) Celebrating foreign conquests
d) Reflecting on modern politics

ANSWER KEY

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1. b) Mexican Independence Day
2. b) A Mexican hero
3. c) A call for independence
4. b) September 16, 1821
5. a) With parades, music, and dancing
6. b) Green, white, and red
7. a) The President of Mexico
8. b) Colorful paper banners
9. a) Long live Mexico!
10. b) Honoring heroes who fought for freedom

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16th.
2. Miguel Hidalgo rang the church bells to call for independence.
3. The Cry of Dolores is also known as the Grito de Dolores.
4. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated with parades, music, dancing, and delicious food.
5. Papel picado are colorful paper banners with intricate designs.

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QUESTIONS

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