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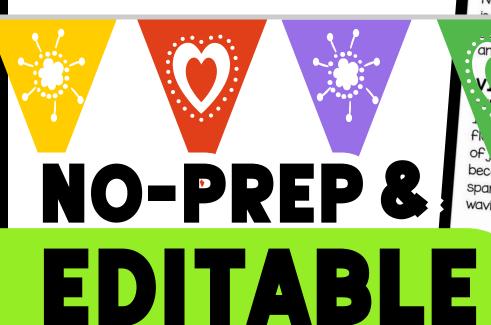
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# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

**FESTIVE TRADITIONS** 

Mexican Independence Day on September 16th is a time of joy and celebration in Mexico. Let's explore some of the colorful and exciting traditions that make this day so special.

# COLORFUL DECORATIONS

One of the most beautiful parts of Mexican Independence Day is the colorful decorations that adorn the streets and homes. Brightly colored papel picado, or intricately cut paper banners, sway in the breeze, adding a festive touch to the atmosphere.





# TRADITIONAL CLOTHING

During Mexican Independence Day celebrations, people often wear traditional clothing to honor their culture and heritage. Women may wear colorful dresses called "trajes" while men might sport embroidered shirts known as "guayaberas."

# DELICIOUS FOOD

No celebration is complete without delicious food, and Mexican Independence Day is no exception. Families gather to enjoy a feast of traditional Mexican dishes such as tacos, tamales, enchiladas, and guacamole. Sweet treats like churros and flan are also enjoyed by all.

# **VIBRANT PARADES**

Parades play a significant role in the vibrant celebrations of Mexican Independence Day. Elaborately decorated floats, embellished with colorful flowers and ribbons, traverse through the bustling streets, creating a spectacle of joy and unity. Accompanied by lively music and rhythmic dancing, the parade becomes a jubilant display of cultural pride. People from all walks of life, spanning generations, eagerly participate in the festivities, enthusiastically waving flags and cheering as the procession moves along its route.

**READING COMPREHENSION** 

# COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED



# THE CRY OF DOLORES

A highlight of Mexican Independence Day is the reenactment of the Cry of Dolores, also known as the Grito de Dolores. This reenactment commemorates the historic moment when Miguel Hidalgo called for independence from Spanish rule. The President of Mexico delivers the famous cry of "Viva México!" to cheers from the crowd.

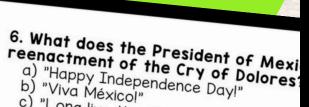


# FIREWORKS

As night falls, the sky comes alive with bursts of color as fireworks light up the darkness. Fireworks displays are a spectacular way to end the day of celebration, filling the air with excitement and joy.

# CONCLUSION

Mexican Independence Day is a time to come together as a community and celebrate the rich culture and history of Mexico. From colorful decorations to delicious food and lively parades, each tradition adds to the festive spirit of this special day. Viva México!



- c) "Long live the King!"
- d) "Goodbye, Spain!"

- 7. What fills the air as night falls duri Independence Day celebrations?
- b) Birdsong
- c) Fireworks
- d) Rain

- 8. What type of food is commonly enjo Mexican Independence Day celebratio
- b) Pizza
- c) Traditional Mexican dishes d) Hamburgers

- 9. What adds a festive touch to the str during Mexican Independence Day? b) Balloons
- c) Papel picado
- d) Flags

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### MCQS

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

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- 4. d) Reenactment of the Cry of Dolores
- 5. c) The Grito de Dolores
- 6. b) "Viva México!"
- 8. c) Traditional Mexican dishes 7. c) Fireworks
- 9. c) Papel picado
- 10. b) Lively music and dancing

# SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

- I. September 16th is celebrated as Mexican Independence Day.
- 2. Women may wear colorful dresses called "trajes," and men
- might wear embroidered shirts known as "guayaberas."
- 3. Papel picado are colorful paper banners. 4. The Cry of Dolores is reenacted during Mexican Independence
- 5. The President of Mexico shouts "Viva México!" during the
- reenactment of the Cry of Dolores.

### Name.

# **FESTIVE TRADITIONS**

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### DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## I. What is celebrated on September 16th in Mexico?

- a) Christmas b) Mexican Independence Day
- c) Halloween
- d) New Year's Eve

### 2. What are papel picado?

- a) Traditional Mexican dances
- b) Colorful paper banners
- c) Mexican musical instruments
- d) Traditional Mexican dishes

### 3. What type of clothing do people often wear during Mexican Independence Day celebrations?

- a) Suits and ties
- b) Traditional Mexican dresses and shirts
- c) Jeans and T-shirts
- d) Dresses and skirts

### 4. What is a highlight of Mexican Independence Day celebrations?

- a) Watching movies
- b) Playing video games
- c) Eating pizza
- d) Reenactment of the Cry of Dolores

## 5. What is the Cry of Dolores also known as?

- a) The Happy Call
- b) The Cry of Freedom
- c) The Grito de Dolores
- d) The Joyful Shout

# 10 - MCQ'S & 5 QUESTIONS

**ANSWER KEY** INCLUDED