

All About **CINCO DE MAYO** CLOSE READING PASSAGES

GRADE 2-3

NO PREP

Name: _____

History of Cinco de Mayo

The history of Cinco de Mayo dates back to 1862 during a war between Mexico and France. The French were very strong and tried to take over Mexico. The Mexican soldiers fought bravely and won. This day is a symbol of Mexican pride.

1. Which two countries were involved in the battle of Puebla?

2. In what year did the battle of Puebla take place?

Name: _____

Traditions of Cinco de Mayo

On Cinco de Mayo, people celebrate with lots of fun traditions.

In many cities, there are colorful parades with dancers dressed in beautiful costumes. Families and friends gather to enjoy Mexican foods like tacos and tamales.

3. What are some traditional foods eaten on Cinco de Mayo?

Name: _____

Cinco de Mayo Around the World

While Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday, it is also widely celebrated in the United States and other countries. In the US, people celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. Schools host events and educational programs about Mexican culture and traditions.

4. Which country widely celebrates Cinco de Mayo?

Name: _____

Meaning of Cinco de Mayo

The name "Cinco de Mayo" means "Fifth of May" in Spanish. This day is celebrated to remember the victory of the Mexican soldiers over the French soldiers at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is a symbol of Mexican pride and the courage of its people.

Name: _____

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a special day that is celebrated every year on the fifth of May. It is a day when people remember a very important battle that happened a long time ago in Mexico. Here the Mexican army won against a much bigger French army. People in Mexico and the United States celebrate this day with parades, music, and delicious food.

5. What date is Cinco de Mayo celebrated on?

CLOSE READING COMPREHENSIONS

Ready to Print

Name: _____

History of Cinco de Mayo

The history of Cinco de Mayo dates back to 1862 during a war between Mexico and France. The French army was very strong and tried to take over the city of Puebla. The Mexican soldiers, though fewer in number, fought bravely and won the battle. It is now a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism.

1. Which two countries were involved in the war?
2. What was the French army's goal?

Name: _____

Cinco de Mayo Around the World

While Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday, it is also widely celebrated in the United States and other countries. In the U.S., it is a day to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. Schools and community centers often have events and educational programs about Mexican history and traditions.

1. How is Cinco de Mayo celebrated in the U.S.?
2. Why is it celebrated in other countries?

Name: _____

Traditions of Cinco de Mayo

On Cinco de Mayo, people celebrate with lots of fun traditions. In many cities, there are colorful parades with dancers in beautiful costumes. Families and friends gather to eat traditional foods like tacos and enchiladas. Many people listen to Mexican music and children might play games or dance with treats.

1. What are some common foods people eat on Cinco de Mayo?

2. What activities might children do during the celebration?

3. What type of music is popular on Cinco de Mayo?

Name: _____

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a special day that is celebrated every year on the fifth of May. It is a day when people remember a very important battle that happened a long time ago in Mexico, where the Mexican army won against a much bigger French army. People in Mexico and the United States celebrate this day with parades, music, and delicious food.

1. What date is Cinco de Mayo celebrated on?

2. Who won the battle that is remembered on Cinco de Mayo?

3. How do people celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

Name: _____

Meaning of Cinco de Mayo

The name "Cinco de Mayo" means "Fifth of May" in Spanish. This day is celebrated to remember the victory of the Mexican soldiers over the French soldiers at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is a symbol of Mexican pride and the courage of its people.

1. What does "Cinco de Mayo" mean in English?

2. What event does Cinco de Mayo commemorate?

3. What does Cinco de Mayo symbolize?

Use these passages

- **CENTERS**
- **SMALL GROUP**
- **INSTRUCTIONS**
- **BELL RINGERS**
- **EARLY FINISHERS**
- **HOMEWORK**