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Día de los Muertos

Meet Kaylee! Kaylee is an anthropologist. An anthropologist studies cultures around the world. An important part of many cultures is celebrating holidays.

Today, you will think like an anthropologist and learn about Día de los Muertos. Día de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated in Mexico. First, read the magazine attached about Día de los Muertos. Then, fill in the blanks below using the word bank.



Word Bank

Diwali

Roses

Tradition

Skeleton

Thanksgiving

Brazil

November

December

Mexico

Marigold

Graph

Celebration

Fill in the blanks below using the words from the word bank.

1. Día de los Muertos is celebrated in the country of _____.

2. Día de los Muertos is celebrated between _____ 1st and 2nd.

3. _____ is a flower placed next to memorials or graves.

4. A sugar skull is a candy _____ that is delicious to eat.

5. A _____ is something you celebrate year after year.

6. _____ is another holiday celebrated over multiple days.

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Extra Time? Design a sugar skull mask!



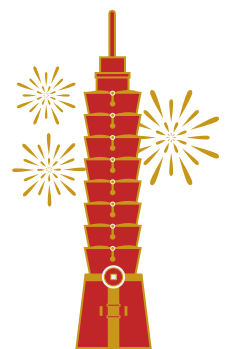
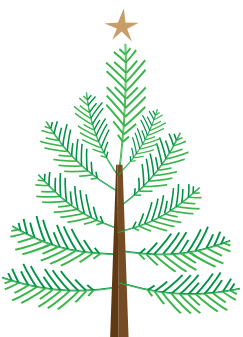


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Kaylee the Anthropologist: Día de los Muertos

Meet Kaylee!

Hi! I'm Kaylee, and I'm an anthropologist! An anthropologist is someone who studies different cultures. How people live, the holidays they celebrate, the food they eat, the clothes they wear, and the language they speak are all a part of someone's culture.



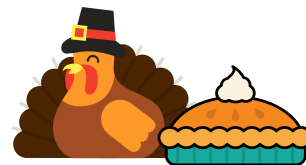
Being an Anthropologist

My favorite thing to do as an anthropologist is learn about holidays around the world. Holidays are an important part of people's culture. Some holidays you might know are:

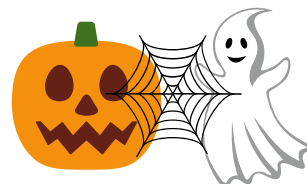
Independence Day



Thanksgiving



Halloween



Easter



Not all people around the world celebrate the same holidays! For example, Americans celebrate Independence Day to celebrate America becoming its own country! People in other countries, like Canada or Germany, do not celebrate Independence Day as a special day.

Learning About New Holidays

Today, I am traveling to Mexico to learn about a holiday that is important in Mexican culture. The name of the holiday is Día de los Muertos. This means "Day of the Dead."



When I am learning about a new holiday, there are three important questions I want to answer:

1. Why do people celebrate the holiday?
2. When do people celebrate the holiday?
3. How do people celebrate the holiday?

My friend Gabriella has lived in Mexico her entire life. I am going to interview her to get answers to my three questions. Interviewing is an important part of my job as an anthropologist. I ask people questions so that I can learn about their culture.

Why Do You Celebrate the Day of the Dead?



First, I ask Gabriella to tell me why people in Mexico celebrate Día de los Muertos. Gabriella tells me that this holiday is a way to remember loved ones who have died. It is a way to celebrate their lives.

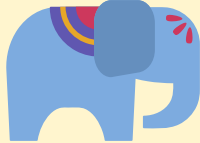


When Do You Celebrate Day of the Dead?

Next, I ask Gabriella when they celebrate Día de los Muertos. She tells me that this holiday is celebrated between November 1 and November 2. I try to remember other holidays I have studied that are celebrated for more than one day.

Here is what I remember!

- The Hindu holiday Diwali lasts for five days.



- The Jewish holiday Hanukkah lasts for eight days.



- The Chinese New Year lasts for fifteen days.



How Do You Celebrate Day of the Dead?

Finally, I ask Gabriella how people celebrate Día de los Muertos. Gabriella says that there are many traditions. A tradition is the same way of celebrating year after year. Some traditions for Día de los Muertos include: face painting, decorating cemeteries, watching parades, and eating special sweets.



Gabriella takes me to visit her grandfather's memorial. She is happy that she can celebrate his life for Día de los Muertos.

She and her brother place marigold flowers next to his grave. Marigold flowers are known as flowers of the dead.

Gabriella gives me two sweets that people like to eat during Día de los Muertos. The first is a sugar skull, which is a candy skeleton head with icing. The second is called pan de muerto. It is a small, sweet bread with sugar on top.



Writing

An important part of being an anthropologist is writing about what I have learned. I use my iPad to write a short story. Take a look at what I wrote!

In different parts of the world, people celebrate holidays for different reasons. Recently, I visited Mexico during Día de los Muertos. Día de los Muertos means “Day of the Dead.” This is a holiday for people to remember their loved ones who have died. The Day of the Dead is celebrated between November 1st and November 2nd. There are special holiday traditions, like parades, dressing up, decorating grave sites, and eating special sweets. Sugar skulls were my favorite!

I am going to travel to other parts of the world to learn about more holidays. I wonder if other cultures have holidays to honor and remember loved ones who have died.

