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# EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



Use your smartphone to complete the web quest to learn more about the Day of the Dead. Don't have a phone? Pair up with someone who does but make sure you complete the write up on your own!

I. [Go to http://www.mexonline.com/daydead.htm](http://www.mexonline.com/daydead.htm)

1. What is "El día de los muertos?" (What does this holiday celebrate?)
2. When does this holiday take place?
3. Why do Mexican people believe their deceased loved ones return each year?

II. [Go to www.azcentral.com/ent/dead](http://www.azcentral.com/ent/dead)

- Click on "History" in the grey box.

1. How was the Aztecs' view of death different from the Spaniards'?
2. Where is El día de los muertos celebrated today?
3. How is El día de los muertos celebrated in Mexico?  
(Where do they often go to celebrate? What do they decorate?)

- Go back to the main page and click on "FOOD" in the grey box.

1. What foods are made for the ofrendas? **\*\*List at least 2\*\***
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2. When do the "angelitos," or "souls of the children," return?



3. What items might be placed on the ofrendas for the “angelitos?” **\*\*List at least 2\*\***

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4. What is the name of the traditional bread made for this holiday?

IV. Go to <http://www.mexconnect.com/articles/1427>

Scroll down to “Preparing the Altar.”

**LAS OFRENDAS**

1. How many levels are there on an ofrenda?

2. What covers the ofrenda?

3. What is the purpose of placing candles on the ofrenda?

4. What is the purpose of placing “Copal” (incense) on the ofrenda?

5. All ofrendas include three items to meet the basic needs of their loved ones. What are they and what do they symbolize?

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6. What other items are placed near the ofrenda so the spirits can clean up when they return?

7. What are “Calaveras?”

8. What is “Papel Picado?”

9. The flower placed on the ofrenda is “*cempasuchil*.” What kind of flower is this?

