



Day of the Dead



DIRECTIONS: Read the passage about Day of the Dead.
Then answer the questions that follow.



Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) is a Mexican holiday. It is celebrated in Mexico and all around the world. People celebrate after Halloween on November 1st (All Saints' Day) and November 2nd (All Souls' Day). The holiday brings family and friends together to pray for and remember loved ones who have died.

For Day of the Dead, people decorate their homes and home altars with sugar skulls, marigolds, candles, incense, and pictures of the dead. They leave offerings of food and treats for the spirits. They visit and care for the graves of their dead relatives and ancestors. Day of the Dead is a joyful celebration.

Questions

1. When is Day of the Dead celebrated?

- a. winter
- b. spring
- c. summer
- d. fall

2. In Spanish, Day of the Dead translates to:

- a. Día de las Noches
- b. Día de Difuntos
- c. Días Oscuros
- d. Día de los Muertos

3. What adjective describes Day of the Dead?

- a. sorrowful
- b. joyful
- c. frightening
- d. boring

4. What item is NOT placed on altars?

- a. food
- b. marigolds
- c. money
- d. incense



Draw a picture of someone you would like to remember on Day of the Dead this year.