

Dia de los Muertos Trivia Quiz

1. What does Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebrate?

- a. Mexican independence
- b. Halloween
- c. Honoring deceased relatives
- d. The harvest season

2. When is Day of the Dead celebrated?

- a. October 31
- b. November 1-2
- c. December 1
- d. May 14-15

3. What is "pan de muerto"?

- a. A sweet bread made for day of the dead
- b. The container offerings are placed in for a traditional altar
- c. This icing on sugar skulls
- d. The week day of the dead occurs in

4. Which of the following is NOT an element of a traditional Dia de los Muertos altar?

- a. Marigold flowers
- b. Candles
- c. Bread of the dead
- d. Shoelaces

5. What is an "ofrenda"?

- a. Sugar skull
- b. Day of the dead altar
- c. Wood skull
- d. Painted photograph

6. Where do people in rural Mexico traditionally celebrate day of the dead?

- a. With altars in their homes
- b. At a picnic at their relatives' grave sites
- c. At the local church
- d. At the local cantina

7. What is the purpose of the toy skulls and skeletons in the celebration?

- a. To introduce children to the concept of death without fear
- b. Festive decorations
- c. To place on top of graves of loved ones
- d. To piggyback off of Halloween motifs

8. What does the sugar in sugar skulls represent?

- a. The sweetness of death
- b. That candy is the joy of life
- c. Importance of food
- d. The sweetness of life

9. What recent animated movie used Dia de los Muertos themes to tell its story?

- a. The book of life
- b. Secret life of pets
- c. The little prince
- d. Strange magic

10. Who were the first residents of Central America to practice Dia de los Muertos?

- a. Aztecs
- b. Mayans
- c. Spanish

11. What is the purpose of the marigold petals leading up to the altar?

- a. To keep away bad luck
- b. To make the house smell good
- c. To help loved ones' spirits find the altar
- d. To keep animals away from the altar

13. Candles are placed on the altar to represent the natural element of fire and to guide spirits back to visit the land of the living. Traditionally, how many candles are included?

- a. 1 for each honored soul
- b. 1 for each cardinal point
- c. Depends on the economic capability of the family setting the altar
- d. All of the above

14. Just as pumpkins are associated with Halloween in the United States, Mexicans also have a special food for their death holiday. What is it?

- a. Sweet potatoes
- b. Butternut squash
- c. Corn
- d. Papaya