

Cinco de Mayo WebQuest

Task

The executives of Comanche Business Systems will be visiting clients in Mexico for Cinco de Mayo. Unfortunately, the businesspeople know nothing about the holiday. The executives have hired you to teach them everything they should know about Cinco de Mayo.

Requirements

1. Form groups of 4 people
2. Choose ONE of the following topics to research.
3. Answer the questions for your topic.
4. Organize your research in a PowerPoint presentation.

History Hunters

1. Who were the following people?
 - Benito Juarez
 - Porfirio Diaz
 - Ignacio Zaragoza
 - Napoleon III
 - Maximilian
 - The Marquis de Radepon
2. What role did each of these people play?
3. What is the biggest misconception about Cinco de mayo?
4. What caused the conflict that led to the Battle of Puebla?
5. Explain what happened at the Battle of Puebla.
6. How long did the conflict last and in what year did it end?
7. What was the end result of the conflict?

Festive Foods

1. Explain what the following foods are:
 - Menudo
 - Mole
 - Chilaquiles
 - Flan
2. Name and describe three typical foods served at Cinco de mayo celebrations.
(not including the ones listed above)
3. Explain the recipe of a traditional Mexican dish.
4. What food item accompanies almost every meal?
5. What Mexican foods do we eat in the U.S. today?

Modern Music & Moves

1. What are some common topics in Mexican songs?
2. What is the significance of the "La Cucaracha" song?
3. What is Mariachi music?
4. What kind of instruments are used in Mariachi music?
5. Identify at least two modern-day Mariachi groups and give a few details about each one.
6. What is Tejano music and why is it so popular?
7. What kind of dances are popular in Cinco de mayo celebrations?

Fascinating Facts

1. Why is Cinco de mayo significant to all Americans?
2. Other than the Battle of Puebla, what three things does Cinco de mayo celebrate?
3. What was France's excuse for invading Mexico?
4. What now occupies the space that once was the battlefield of Puebla?
5. How many Mexican soldiers and French soldiers were involved in the Battle of Puebla?
6. Why was the initial victory at Puebla important in Mexican history?

Typical Traditions

1. What can you expect to see in a Cinco de mayo parade?
2. Other than parades, what other activities are common for a Cinco de mayo celebration?
3. How do people in Texas celebrate Cinco de mayo?
4. What type of events are popular in Texas to celebrate Cinco de mayo?
5. Describe the typical costume for Cinco de mayo.
6. Why is Cinco de mayo celebrated on a much larger scale in the U.S.?
7. Name and describe a popular decoration made for this holiday.

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