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Visit the following website to help you answer some questions about "El Dia de Los Muertos"

<http://www.holidays.net/halloween/muertos.htm>

1. Dia de Los Muertos is a Mexican holiday that is celebrated to honor a family's ancestors that have passed away. It is celebrated at the same time as what American holiday and what Christian holy days?

American holiday: _____

Christian holy days: _____ and _____

2. What type of animals do many Mexican people believe return with the spirits of their departed ancestors? _____

3. Los Dias de los Muertos is not a sad time. Instead, it is a time for _____ and _____.

4. Part of the Dias de los Muertos celebration involves the townspeople parading through the town. They will often be seen carrying what large object? _____

5. What is an ofrenda? _____ Name some things that are placed on the ofrenda:

6. Explain what Mexican families often do when they visit the cemetery during Dia de Los Muertos.

7. What is "pan de muertos"? How is it decorated? _____

8. What is a "calaca"? _____

How does a calaca depict the afterlife? _____

Read the section titled "BACKGROUND INFORMATION" on the following website. It will help you to answer the following questions.

<http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/Byrnes-celebrations/Day.html>

1. Dia de Los Muertos is considered to be a Mexican holiday, but is celebrated in other countries as well. Name 2 other countries where this holiday is celebrated.

_____ and _____

2. What are the main symbols of Dia de Los Muertos?

_____ and _____

3. What flower is known as the flower of the dead? _____ The scent of this flower is thought to do what? _____

_____.

4. Name some of the symbolic goods that are sold in many outdoor markets.

5. It is considered good luck to bite into what when eating "pan de los muertos"?

6. You can often find candy that has been made in the shapes of _____, _____, and _____.

7. Families sometime leave a path of what to help their ancestors return to visit their homes?

8. It is a superstition that what will happen if the dead are not treated well during this holiday, or if they receive inferior gifts (or no gifts at all)? _____

