

Name:

Day One

Celebrate with the Dead

Part 1: Silent read

➔ The Day of the Dead is a celebration of lost loved ones. Read silently.

The Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate! It is a national Mexican holiday. Many people throughout the U.S. also celebrate this holiday. On the Day of the Dead, everyone remembers people that have died. But the Day of the Dead is not a sad time. It is a time to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

An altar is important for the Day of the Dead. The altar draws lost loved ones together. An altar may be in a home or a graveyard. Most altars include several items. First, there are photos of lost loved ones. Second, marigold flowers attract spirits with their smell and color. Then, candles light the spirits' way.

People also place water and food on the altar. Candy skulls represent both death and the sweetness of life. These sugar skulls usually have decorations. Sometimes, people offer a treat the spirit enjoyed in their lifetime. Finally, sheets of colored paper are cut into patterns. They make up bright paper banners as a backdrop for the altar. They may wave to show a spirit is there.

The dead are special guests during the Day of the Dead. Some people believe that spirits can visit us during this holiday. People may make an altar to guide the spirit of their loved one. They hope to talk to the dead while they are nearby.



Day One

// one minute

Celebrate with the Dead

Part 2: First timed read

WPM _____

The Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate! It is a national Mexican holiday. Many people throughout the U.S. also celebrate this holiday. On the Day of the Dead, everyone remembers people that have died. But the Day of the Dead is not a sad time. It is a time to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

An altar is important for the Day of the Dead. The altar draws lost loved ones together. An altar may be in a home or a graveyard. Most altars include several items. First, there are photos of lost loved ones. Second, marigold flowers attract spirits with their smell and color. Then, candles light the spirits' way.

People also place water and food on the altar. Candy skulls represent both death and the sweetness of life. These sugar skulls usually have decorations. Sometimes, people offer a treat the spirit enjoyed in their lifetime. Finally, sheets of colored paper are cut into patterns. They make up bright paper banners as a backdrop for the altar. They may wave to show a spirit is there.

The dead are special guests during the Day of the Dead. Some people believe that spirits can visit us during this holiday. People may make an altar to guide the spirit of their loved one. They hope to talk to the dead while they are nearby.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

How does a Day of the Dead altar attract the spirits of the dead?

Where can a Day of the Dead altar be located?

Day One

Celebrate with the Dead

Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

The Day of the Dead / is a time to celebrate! // It is a national Mexican holiday. // Many people throughout the U.S. / also celebrate this holiday. // On the Day of the Dead, / everyone remembers people that have died. // But the Day of the Dead is not a sad time. // It is a time to celebrate / the lives of loved ones. //

An altar is important / for the Day of the Dead. // The altar draws lost loved ones together. // An altar may be in a home / or a graveyard. // Most altars include several items. // First, / there are photos of lost loved ones. // Second, / marigold flowers attract spirits / with their smell and color. // Then, / candles light the spirits' way. //

People also place water and food / on the altar. // Candy skulls / represent both death / and the sweetness of life. // These sugar skulls usually have decorations. // Sometimes, / people offer a treat / the spirit enjoyed in their lifetime. // Finally, / sheets of colored paper are cut into patterns. // They make up bright paper banners / as a backdrop for the altar. // They may wave to show a spirit is there. //

The dead are special guests / during the Day of the Dead. // Some people believe / that spirits can visit us during this holiday. // People may make an altar / to guide the spirit of their loved one. // They hope to talk to the dead / while they are nearby. //

I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.