



CINCO DE MAYO PRESENTATION

Learning Objectives: The students will...

1. Gather information about the significance of Cinco de Mayo.
2. Incorporate information into a power point presentation.
3. Understand the significance of this cultural celebration.

TEKS: SS 4.17A, 4.19B&C

Materials Needed: Computer access, PowerPoint presentation capabilities, research materials, Cinco de Mayo handout.

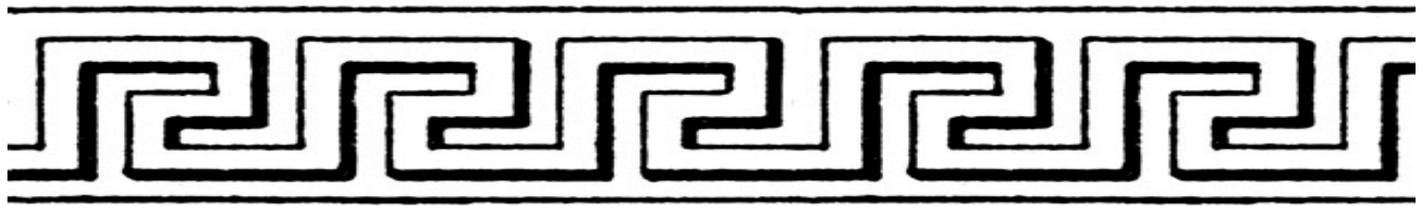
Vocabulary: mariachi, tortilla, piñata, independence

Teaching Strategy:

1. Remind students that May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, the celebration of La Batalla de Puebla. Read about this battle from websites or books.
2. Divide the class into groups. Each group will be assigned one part of a PowerPoint presentation. Sections include:
 - a. The history of Cinco de Mayo—When/where the battle occurred and its the significance.
 - b. A Mexican recipe—Describe common dishes in a Mexican meal.
 - c. Listen to some mariachi music—Tell about how it sounds and the history of mariachi bands. Insert some of the music if possible.
 - d. How to make a piñata and how it is used. Include instructions and a picture.
 - e. How Cinco de Mayo is celebrated today; describe fiestas.
 - f. The difference between Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo.
 - g. How the Battle of Puebla and the Battle of the Alamo are alike/different.
 - h. Mexican Hat Dance—Costumes, pictures, etc.
 - i. The Mexican Flag—Picture, what the colors and symbols represent, history.
 - j. A map of Mexico with key cities marked.
3. Use as many of the groups as needed, depending on the size of the class. Allow time for students to research the information and record it on the handout.
4. Each section of the presentation should include at least two slides. Encourage students to include pictures or graphics to accompany the information on the slides.
5. When the presentation is complete, allow each group to lead a discussion of their portion. Invite parents or another class to view the presentation.

Extension for Gifted/Talented:

Allow students to create a word search or crossword puzzle using the information about Cinco de Mayo.



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Find information about: _____

Sources: _____

Record information below:

