



# CINCO DE MAYO

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## Celebrating Cinco de Mayo in a Culturally Appropriate Way

1. Don't wear sombreros, costumes out of someone's head.
2. Read books: Read books about or about famous Mexican people, the amazing contribution they made to the world.
3. Learn about the Battle of Puebla.

## What is Cinco De Mayo?

Cinco de Mayo is often confused as a celebration of Mexican Independence. Though Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Battle of Puebla, it is not the same as Mexican Independence Day.

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Cinco de Mayo means the "Fifth of May" in Spanish.

Several wars in the mid-1800s left the country of Mexico nearly out of money. The Mexican treasury borrowed money from Great Britain, and France to help ease the money strain from the wars. The announced debts would not be paid for two years. Great Britain, and France were upset by this. They pressured Mexico to pay back the money through a deal with Spain and Great Britain. France refused to issue any further.

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## Why is celebrating Cinco de Mayo important?

- There are many reasons why celebrating Cinco de Mayo is important. Some of which are:
- It is a celebration of Mexican resilience and strength.
- It is important to remember Mexican history and culture.



## Cinco de Mayo

- Cinco de Mayo means the "Fifth of May" in Spanish.
- Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican victory of the Battle of Puebla.
- It is not a celebration of Mexican Independence Day.



## Mexico's Victory

- Mexico won the Battle of Puebla but lost the war against the French.
- Winning the battle was so exciting that people still celebrate the victory today.





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#### Flag

The Mexican Flag was chosen in 1821. It has three colors: red, white, and green. There is a coat of arms in the middle of the flag.



#### Pottery

Pottery is a big part of the Mexican culture and traditions. Potters still use clay that they purify through ancient methods.



#### Piñata

A piñata is a container made of papier-mâché, pottery, or cloth. It is filled with small toys or candy and is broken as part of a celebration.



#### Mariachi Music

Mariachi bands were traditionally street musicians that played at weddings and celebrations. Now most Mariachi performers are professional musicians.



#### Sarape

The Sarape is a long shawl, like a blanket. It is brightly colored and fringed at the ends. It is worn by men.



#### Soccer

Soccer is the most popular sport in Mexico. Men, women, and children enjoy the game.

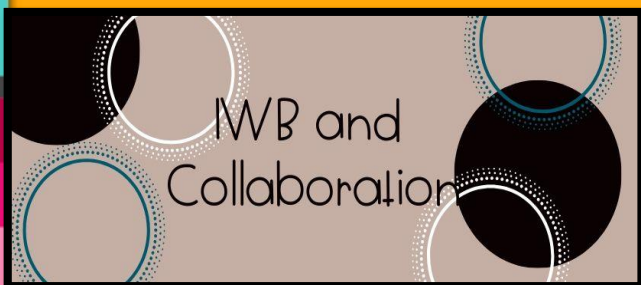
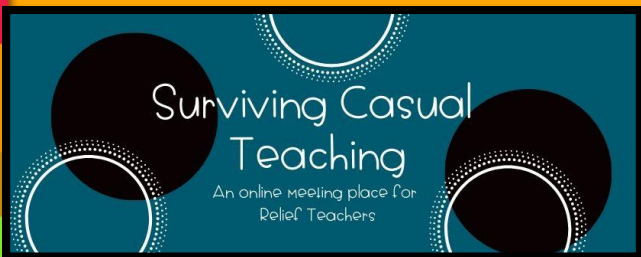




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