

CINCO de MAYO

READING COMPREHENSION!

Name: _____

Cinco de Mayo L1



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1) What does Cinco de Mayo mean?

☐ the fifth of May	☐ the first of May
☐ a summer holiday	☐ a birthday

2) What does the holiday remember?

☐ a new year	☐ an important battle
☐ a school event	☐ a famous birthday

3) What do people often do to celebrate?

☐ go to sleep early	☐ build snowmen
☐ music, food, and dancing	☐ go swimming in a lake



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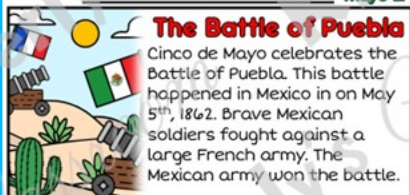
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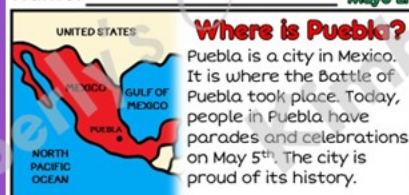
☐ the Battle of Paris	☐ the Battle of Texas
☐ the Battle of London	☐ the Battle of Puebla
- 2) What year did the battle happen?

☐ 1900	☐ 1776
☐ 1862	☐ 2001
- 3) Who won the battle?

☐ the French army	☐ both sides
☐ the Mexican army	☐ no one

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- 1) What is Puebla?

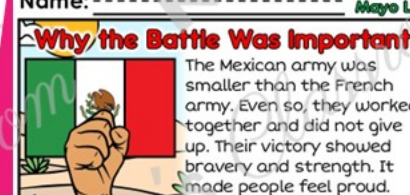
☐ a large river	☐ a city in Mexico
☐ a city in England	☐ a holiday
- 2) What happened in Puebla?

☐ a spaceship landed in the city	☐ a snowstorm covered the city in ice
☐ the Battle of Havana	☐ the Battle of Puebla
- 3) How do people in Puebla celebrate today?

☐ by staying home all day	☐ with parades and celebrations
☐ by planting trees	☐ by going to bed early

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- 1) Was the Mexican army bigger or smaller?

☐ bigger	☐ the same size
☐ smaller	☐ not in the story
- 2) What did the soldiers show?

☐ anger and sadness	☐ bravery and strength
☐ jealousy and envy	☐ fear and worry
- 3) How did people feel after the victory?

☐ confused	☐ bored
☐ sleepy	☐ proud

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- 1) Is Cinco de Mayo a big holiday in all of Mexico?

☐ yes, everywhere	☐ only in schools
☐ no, not all of Mexico	☐ only at night
- 2) Where is it mostly celebrated?

☐ Tijuana	☐ Monterrey
☐ Toluca	☐ Puebla
- 3) What do people in Puebla remember?

☐ a storm	☐ a game
☐ the battle	☐ a birthday

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- 1) Where is Cinco de Mayo widely celebrated?

☐ Afghanistan	☐ Nepal
☐ Germany	☐ United States
- 2) What do people honor?

☐ Australian culture	☐ Mexican culture
☐ Canadian culture	☐ Russian culture
- 3) What happens at celebrations?

☐ doing homework	☐ camping trips
☐ festivals, music, and food	☐ snowball fights on the ice

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Cinco de Mayo L2



Traditional Music and Dance

Music and dance are part of Cinco de Mayo celebrations. Mariachi bands play lively songs. Dancers wear colorful clothing. These traditions share Mexican culture.

1) What kind of bands play music?

2) What do dancers wear?

3) What do music and dance share?

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2) These foods are part of what?

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The Mexican Flag

The Mexican flag has three colors: green, white, and red. In the center, there is an eagle holding a snake. The flag is an important symbol of Mexico. It is often seen during celebrations.

1) What colors are on the flag?

2) What animals are on the flag?

3) What is the flag?

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Learning About Culture

Cinco de Mayo is a good time to learn about Mexican history and culture. People can read books, listen to music, and try new foods. Learning helps us understand others. It is important to be respectful.

1) What can people learn about on Cinco de Mayo?

2) What are ways to learn about other cultures?

3) Why is learning important?

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The Battle of Puebla

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Battle of Puebla. This battle happened in Mexico in on May 5th, 1862. Brave Mexican soldiers fought against a large French army. The Mexican army won the battle.

1) What battle does Cinco de Mayo celebrate?

2) What year did the battle happen?

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Where is Puebla?

Puebla is a city in Mexico. It is where the Battle of Puebla took place. Today, people in Puebla have parades and celebrations on May 5th. The city is proud of its history.

1) What is Puebla?

2) What happened in Puebla?

3) How do people in Puebla celebrate today?

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Why the Battle Was Important

The Mexican army was smaller than the French army. Even so, they worked together and did not give up. Their victory showed bravery and strength. It made people feel proud.

1) Was the Mexican army bigger or smaller?

2) What did the soldiers show?

3) How did people feel after the victory?

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Cinco de Mayo in Mexico

Cinco de Mayo is not a big holiday in all of Mexico. It is mostly celebrated in the state of Puebla. People there remember the battle with special events. Other parts of Mexico may not celebrate as much.

1) Is Cinco de Mayo a big holiday in all of Mexico?

2) Where is it mostly celebrated?

3) What do people in Puebla remember?

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Cinco de Mayo in the United States

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely celebrated. Many people honor Mexican culture and traditions. There are festivals, music, and food. It is a time to learn and celebrate together.

1) Where is Cinco de Mayo widely celebrated?

2) What do people honor?

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- 1) What can people learn about on Cinco de Mayo?

☐ different types of weather	☐ Mexican history and culture
☐ how to play a sport	☐ ocean animals
- 2) What are ways to learn about other cultures?

☐ run and jump rope	☐ swim and ride bikes
☐ take naps and go to bed early	☐ read, listen to music, and try foods
- 3) Why is learning important?

☐ it helps us get louder	☐ it helps us jump high
☐ it helps us understand others	☐ it helps us run very fast

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Low prep!

Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text!

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1) What foods are often eaten?

- ☐ pizza and burgers ☐ ice cream and cake
☒ tacos, tamales, and mole ☐ soup, salad, and breadsticks

2) These foods are part of what?

- ☐ winter sports ☒ Mexican culture
☐ school rules ☐ Italian culture

3) Who enjoys meals together?

- ☐ only friends ☐ only teachers
☒ families and friends ☐ only athletes

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Answer keys included for quick and easy assessment!

If you like this resource and want to **SAVE BIG**, check out these bundles!

SPANISH & ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

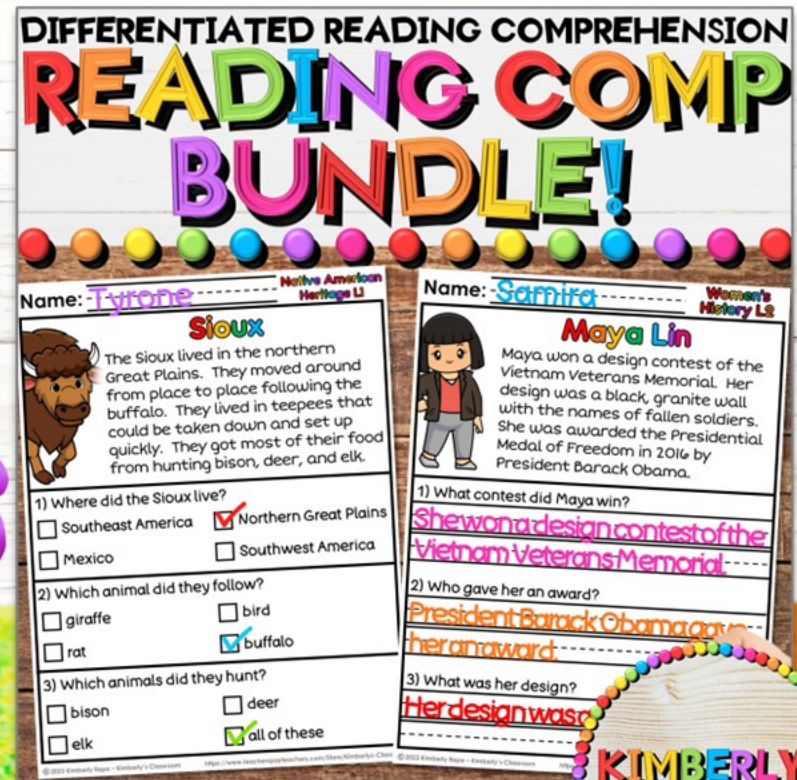
CINCO de MAYO BUNDLE!



The bundle includes a BINGO card with a 5x5 grid of icons representing Mexican culture and food. It also features cards for 'salsa' and 'llama', and a large card for 'el mole poblano' with a drawing of the dish.

DIFFERENTIATED READING COMPREHENSION

READING COMP BUNDLE!



The bundle includes two differentiated reading comprehension worksheets. The first worksheet is for 'Tyroné' and focuses on the Sioux, with a reading passage and three multiple-choice questions. The second worksheet is for 'Samira' and focuses on Maya Lin, with a reading passage and three multiple-choice questions.

Worksheet 1: Tyroné (Native American Heritage L1)

Sioux

The Sioux lived in the northern Great Plains. They moved around from place to place following the buffalo. They lived in teepees that could be taken down and set up quickly. They got most of their food from hunting bison, deer, and elk.

1) Where did the Sioux live?

☐ Southeast America ☒ Northern Great Plains

☐ Mexico ☐ Southwest America

2) Which animal did they follow?

☐ giraffe ☐ bird

☐ rat ☒ buffalo

3) Which animals did they hunt?

☐ bison ☐ deer

☐ elk ☒ all of these

Worksheet 2: Samira (Women's History L2)

Maya Lin

Maya won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Her design was a black granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?

She won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

2) Who gave her an award?

President Barack Obama gave her an award

3) What was her design?

Her design was a black granite wall with the names of fallen soldiers

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