

Supplemental Activities For Día de los muertos:

To be completed following the web-based activity...

I. Composición: Unos días inolvidables en México

Write a 100-word composition about a day you spent in Mexico during the Día de los muertos celebration. Your essay should have a beginning, middle, and ending and should include as many details about Día de los muertos as possible.

In your composition you may want to include:

- Who you are – are you an American visitor or a Mexican?
- Why you are celebrating Día de los muertos
- The date and time of the celebration
- What you (and friends or family) are doing to prepare for the holiday
- Things you see for sale in the marketplace or anything you buy
- Where you are going (possibly multiple places?) to celebrate
- What you do, see, hear, and taste at the celebration itself
- How you feel during the celebration
- General comments about what Día de los muertos means to you personally

You may use the present tense or the past (preterite and imperfect) tense to write your story. If you use the past, review the following endings:

Preterite:

<u>-ar</u>	<u>-er/-ir</u>	<u>ir/ser</u>	<u>hacer</u>	<u>ver (dar)</u>
é amos	í imos	fui fuimos	hice hicimos	vi vimos
aste	iste	fuiste	hiciste	viste
ó aron	ió ieron	fue fueron	hizo hicieron	vio vieron

Imperfect:

<u>-ar</u>	<u>-er/-ir</u>	<u>ser</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>ver</u>
aba ábamos	ía íamos	era éramos	iba íbamos	veía veíamos
abas	ías	eras	ibas	veías
aba aban	ía ían	era eran	iba iban	veía veían

II. Una rima (¡Una calaverita!)

Through your web-based activity you learned that rimas mexicanas “*constan de versos donde la muerte (personificada) bromea con personajes de la vida real, haciendo alusión sobre alguna característica peculiar de la persona en cuestión.*”

Choose someone – a friend, family member, teacher, famous person – and write a rima about him or her. Use your knowledge of the rimas you read yesterday to compose a short, humorous poem that pokes fun at their more unusual traits and talks of that person as if they were already dead (as if they were already a calavera!).