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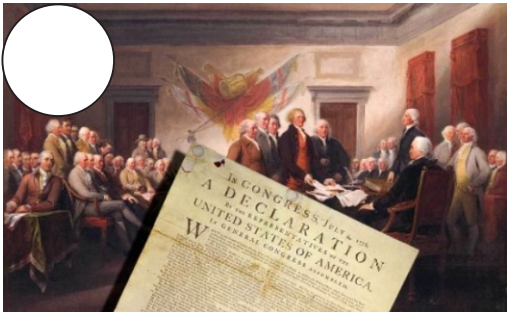
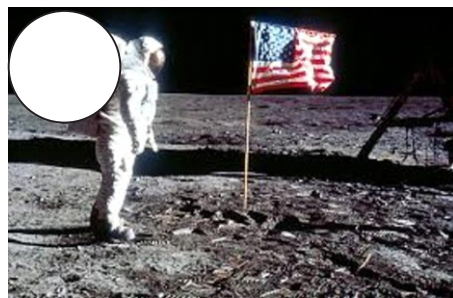
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# Activity 1

## Historical Events

Look at the pictures, match them to the correct historical event and answer the questions.

1. Discovery of America    2. Mexican Independence    3. First man on the moon  
4. USA Independence    5. Mexican Revolution



Do you like History? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know a different historical event? \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 2

# Mexican Independence

Read the chronicle and complete the information.

Back in the early 1500s, Spain **conquered** Mexico. This was not a good thing for the native people, because they were **forced** to work for the Spanish conquerors for nearly 300 years. On the night of September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1810, a priest named Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla **started** a revolution against the Spanish rulers. First, he **rang** the bell of his church in Dolores, Hidalgo. A crowd **gathered** and he **told** them to fight for freedom. The next day, the rebels **declared** independence from Spain. Mexico finally **defeated** Spain in 1821.



DATE	
SETTING	
PEOPLE INVOLVED	

## Activity 3

### Mexican Independence part 2

Match the questions with their answers.



- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. When did Spain conquer Mexico?   | a) On September 15 <sup>th</sup> 1810 |
| 2. How long were native people forced to work for the Spanish conquerors? | b) To fight for liberty.              |
| 3. When did Independence start?   | c) In 1821.                           |
| 4. Where did it happen?   | d) In the early 1500s.                |
| 5. What did Father Miguel Hidalgo do first?                               | e) In Dolores, Hidalgo.               |
| 6. What did he tell the crowd to do?                                      | f) The next day.                      |
| 7. When did the rebels declare independence?                              | g) He rang the bell.                  |
| 8. When did Mexico defeat Spain?  | h) For nearly 300 years.              |



## Activity 4

### Past tense

Read the sentences and complete them using the past tense of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Back in the early 1500s, Spain  
\_\_\_\_\_ (conquer) Mexico.



2. Native people were \_\_\_\_\_  
(force) to work for the Spanish conquerors.

3. Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start) a revolution.



4. Miguel Hidalgo \_\_\_\_\_ (ring)  
the bell from his church.

5. A crowd \_\_\_\_\_ (gather)  
and he \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) them to fight for  
liberty.



6. The rebels \_\_\_\_\_ (declare)  
independence from Spain.

7. Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ (defeat) Spain in  
1821.

## Activity 5

# USA Independence

Read the text and circle if the information is True or False.

The history of this important day goes back to the eighteenth century when America was in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. They would no longer be a part of the British Empire and would fight for their freedom.



On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed five leaders, called the Committee of Five, to write a document explaining why they were

declaring their independence. The five members were Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, Roger Sherman, and Thomas Jefferson. They presented the document to Congress on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress of The United States approved the declaration of this day as the Independence Day of the country. Since then, this day was celebrated as Independence Day in the country.

1. America was in the Revolutionary War with Mexico.

**True**    **False**

2. The Continental Congress appointed five leaders.

**True**    **False**

3. The Committee of Five made a phone call declaring independence.

**True**    **False**

4. The five members of the committee were women.

**True**    **False**

5. The declaration of Independence was approved on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

**True**    **False**



# Activity 6

## Celebration in USA

Read the text and answer the questions.

Independence Day is celebrated each year in the United States on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and it is a national federal holiday in the United States.

### 1. Activities

- **Fireworks displays:** Independence Day firework displays represent the three prominent colors of the American flag: red, white, and blue.
- **Family get-togethers:** This day is a chance for family members to reunite and relax.
- **Parades:** Many towns host Fourth of July parades, which often feature firetrucks, marching bands, and community organizations



Other ways to celebrate include: baseball games, musical concerts, and outdoor picnics.

### 2. Outfits

Red, white, and blue.

### 3. Food

- **BBQ/cookout:** Food at a cookout or BBQ is often prepared on a grill and served with cold side dishes like potato salad, fruit, chips, and coleslaw.
- **Hamburgers & hot dogs:** America's most iconic foods, hamburgers and hot dogs are very common in Independence Day meals.



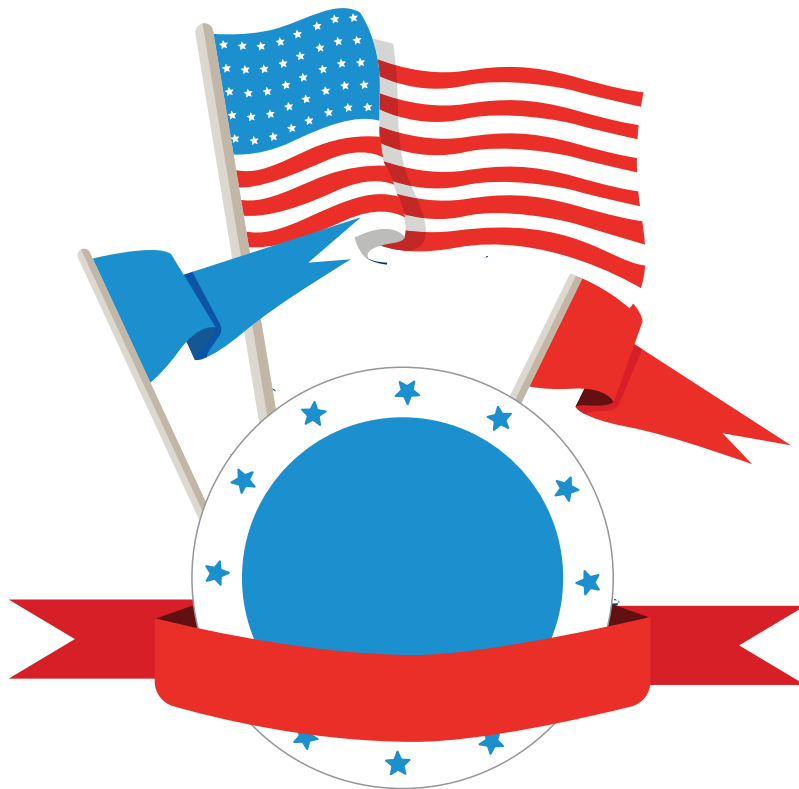
### 4. Decorations

- **American flag:** The national flag is definitely a must-have on Independence Day.
- **Streamers and Balloons:** These vibrant streamers and colorful banners make the party more fabulous!





1. When is Independence Day celebrated in USA? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which are the most common activities that people do to celebrate? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the most common food? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which are the traditional decorations? \_\_\_\_\_



## Activity 7

# Celebration in Mexico

Read the text and answer the questions.

Independence Day is a public holiday. It is a day off for the general population, schools and most businesses are closed.

Celebrations start on September 15<sup>th</sup> at night, Mexicans celebrate with fireworks, parties, food, dance and music. Flags, flowers and decorations in the colors of the Mexican flag – red, white and green – are seen in public areas in cities and towns in Mexico. Streets, cars and houses are decorated with Mexican flags.



Whistles and horns are blown and confetti is thrown to celebrate this festive occasion. People wear traditional Mexican clothes.

The president and city mayors perform the "Grito" in every plaza in Mexico, "Viva Mexico" or "Viva la independencia" are the phrases shouted among the crowds on this day.

1. When do people celebrate in Mexico? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do people celebrate? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which are the traditional colors used in this celebration? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What does the president do? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you celebrate Independence Day? How? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 8

### Comparative chart

Compare the celebration in Mexico and USA, and complete the table.

	MEXICO	USA
Activities		
Food		
Clothes and colors		
Decorations		

## Activity 9

# The Story of Saint Valentine part 1

### 1. Read.



Saint Valentine's Day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.

People all around the world write cards for their boyfriends or girlfriends on this day. Lots of people buy flowers and other gifts on St. Valentine's Day.



But why do we have this day? Who was the first Valentine? This is the story of Saint Valentine.

About 1700 years ago there was a man called Valentine.

He was a priest. He liked to see young people in love.



He wanted people to get married because he wanted them to have a family.

But the Emperor Claudius didn't want men to get married.

He wanted men to fight in the army.

He wanted more soldiers.



Valentine didn't agree.

He helped men and women to get married in secret.

Emperor Claudius didn't know about this.



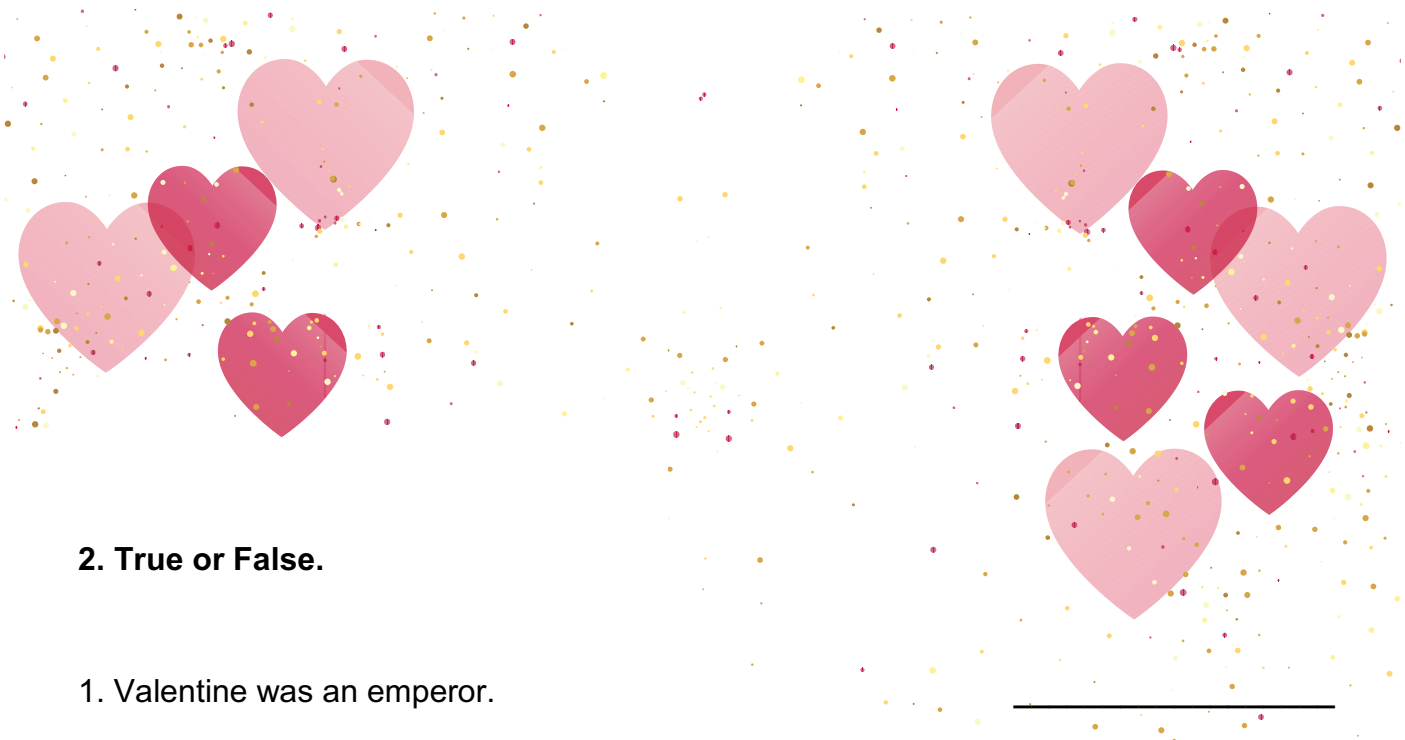
When Claudius heard the story of Valentine, he was very angry.

He put Valentine in jail for 20 years.



After twenty years, Claudius killed Valentine on February 14th.

Everybody thought Valentine was a good man because he helped lovers. That's why we have St. Valentine's Day every year.



## 2. True or False.

1. Valentine was an emperor.
2. Valentine died on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Claudius wanted men to get married.
4. Claudius put Valentine in jail.
5. Valentine was in jail for forty years.
6. Valentine helped people to get married.

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## 3. Answer Yes or No.

1. Was Valentine a priest?
2. Did Claudius want people to get married?
3. Did Claudius want women to be soldiers?
4. Did Claudius put Valentine in jail?
5. Was Valentine an emperor?
6. Did Valentine help people to be soldiers?

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## Activity 10

### The Story of Saint Valentine part 2

Read again the Story of Saint Valentine and answer the questions.



1. Why did Valentine want people to get married?

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2. When did Valentine live?

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3. What did Valentine help people to do?

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2. Now write what you do on Valentine's Day in your country.

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# Activity 11

## Celebrations in Mexico

1. Identify the celebrations and festivities in Mexico and write their names.

The Carnival of Veracruz - The Battle of Puebla - Three Wise Men  
The Guelaguetza - The Cervantino Festival - The Independence of Mexico



2. Complete the sentences.

1. We celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ on January 6th, children receive some presents.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a celebration from Oaxaca in which the people get together to show their traditions through the clothing, dance and music.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a national celebration that is held on May 5th.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a colorful parade with a queen and costumes. It starts by burning the bad mood.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a national celebration that is held on September 16th.

## Activity 12

# Celebrations Around the World

Read the text and match the information to the pictures, then answer the questions.



### Celebrating the dead

Many countries have traditions to remember family members who have died.

- ☐ - In Mexico, families celebrate the **Day of the Dead**. They take flowers to a cemetery on November 1st and 2nd. Mexicans decorate a house altar with photographs, candles, flowers, and food.
- ☐ - During the **Obon festival** in Japan, people believe that their ancestors' spirits return to their homes to visit the family. On the first day of Obon, people visit the cemetery and make a house altar. Obon is celebrated in July or August. At the end of the festival, people place floating lanterns in rivers and lakes to guide the spirits back.
- ☐ - Many countries celebrate **Halloween** on October 31st. It comes from an old holiday that honors the spirits of the dead. Today, children dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for candy. Some people organize a party.

1. What do these three festivals celebrate?

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2. In which festival do people wear costumes?

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3. How do people in Mexico decorate the house altar?

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4. Why do people in Japan place floating lanterns in rivers and lakes?

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## Activity 13

# Day of the Dead in Mexico

Read the text and circle the correct option.

Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico on November 1st. and 2nd. On this holiday, Mexicans remember and honor their deceased loved ones.

The belief behind Day of the Dead is that spirits return to the world of the living for one day of the year to be with their families. It is a festive and colorful holiday celebrating the lives of those who have passed away.

People visit the cemeteries, decorate the graves and spend time there, in the presence of their deceased relatives and family members. They also make altars in their homes to welcome the spirits; these altars can be decorated with flowers, candles, sugar skulls, copal and more elements. The altar can also contain the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, as well as photos and memorabilia.

### 1. The day of the dead is celebrated on:

December 24th and 25th

November 19th and 20th

November 1st. and 2nd.

### 2. People believe that spirits come to the world to:

rest in peace

be with their families one day of the year

dance and have fun

### 3. People celebrate this holiday by:

decorating altars

eating a lot of sugar skulls

hitting a piñata

### 4. People make the altars:

to welcome the neighbors and friends

to welcome the spirits

to have a party

### 5. The altars can be decorated using:

paper, ghosts, and pumpkins

flowers and candles

balloons and emoji masks

### 6. The altars can contain:

music so people can dance

invitation cards

food and beverages for the spirits

## Activity 14

# Saint Patrick's Day Celebration



1. Read the Story of Saint Patrick's Day and answer the questions.



The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals and the wearing of green attire or **shamrocks**.

Saint Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of **Ireland**. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to **Ireland** as a slave. He escaped but returned around the year 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity.

"The Irish Americans would wear the green as a reminder that they were nationalists"

"The colors of the Irish flag are **green**, white and orange, the green symbolizing the Irish nationalism, the orange symbolizing the Orangemen of the north and the white symbolizing peace."

Before the end of the 7th century, Patrick had become a legendary figure, and the legends have continued to grow. One of these would be that he drove the **snakes** of Ireland into the sea to their destruction. But the fact is "There are no **snakes** in Ireland for the simple reason they couldn't get there because the climate wasn't favorable for them to be there."



## The Shamrock

The shamrock, which was also called the “seamroy” by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. As the English began to seize Irish land and make laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule.



## The Leprechaun

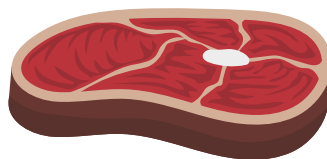
One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. Leprechauns are small Irish fairies who live in the forests. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is “lobaircin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.” Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil and make shoes and they have lots of gold. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13th, but are also celebrated on St. Patrick's, with many dressing up like them.



## Traditional food



corn



beef



cabbage



# QUESTIONNAIRE

**1. When is Saint Patrick's Day celebrated?**

- a) May 13th                      b) March 17th                      c) September 15th

**2. Which are the colors of the Irish flag?**

- a) green, white and orange      b) blue, white and orange      c) green, blue and white

**3. What does the shamrock represent?**

- a) a symbol of peace      b) a sacred plant      c) a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism

**4. What does the Irish name for the Leprechauns figures mean?**

- a) "Tiny man".                      b) "little man"                      c) "small-bodied fellow"

**5. When is the Leprechauns' celebration?**

- a) May 13th                      b) March 17th                      c) September 15th

**6. Why does Ireland have no snakes?**

- a) Because the Leprechaun's disappeared them  
b) Because St. Patrick's drove the snakes of Ireland into the sea to their destruction.  
c) Because the climate wasn't favorable for them to be there.

**7. What are the traditional outfits that people wear in this celebration?**

- a) scary costumes                      b) dress like the "Catrina"                      c) green clothes

2. Look the word bank to review some vocabulary and complete the next worksheet.

Green

Ireland

Leprechaun

Shamrock

Snake

Horseshoe

Hat

Rainbow

Pot of gold

Harp



# Activity 15

## Final product

Choose the historic event that you like most and write the main ideas and drawings, observe the example.





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