

2nd & 3rd Grade

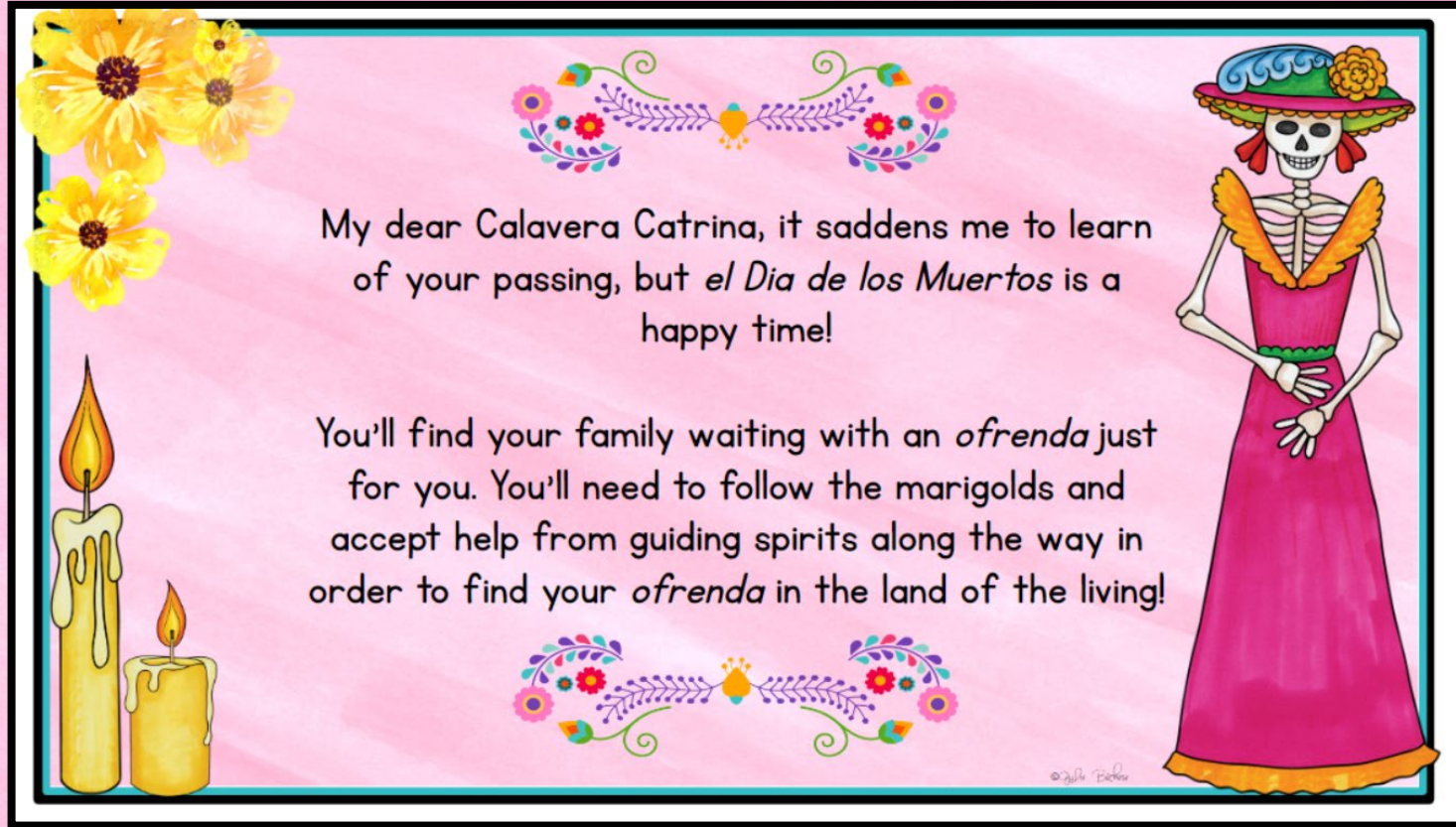
Reading Comprehension

Day of the Dead Escape Room



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My dear Calavera Catrina, it saddens me to learn of your passing, but *el Día de los Muertos* is a happy time!

You'll find your family waiting with an *ofrenda* just for you. You'll need to follow the marigolds and accept help from guiding spirits along the way in order to find your *ofrenda* in the land of the living!

Find Your Ofrenda!

Students won't realize they are practicing Reading Comprehension skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

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4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #1



1. Read the passage and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to meet your xolo companion.
3. Collect your companion after the challenge to take back to your own *ofrenda*.



1. What is the holiday, "El Día de los Muertos," known as in English?
- a. Halloween
 - b. Parade Day
 - c. The Day of the Dead
 - d. Pan de Muertos

Which of the following sentences from the passage best describes the purpose of the holiday?

- El Día de los Muertos?*
- a. "This holiday occurs each year from October 31st to November 2nd."
 - b. "They are decorated with flowers, candles, and pictures of the family members who have passed."
 - c. "There they journeyed through nine challenging levels to finally arrive at the final resting place."
 - d. "This Mexican celebration is all about loved ones who have passed."

3. When is el Día de los Muertos celebrated?
- a. November 2nd
 - b. November 2nd - October 31st
 - c. October 31st - November 2nd
 - d. October 31st

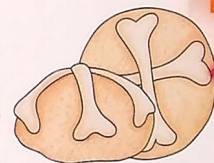
1. The Day of the Dead *El Día de los Muertos*

When someone dies, it can be very sad. Many cultures, however, accept death as a natural part of life. They have holidays to honor those we have lost. *El Día de los Muertos*, or The Day of the Dead, is one such holiday. This Mexican celebration is all about loved ones who have died. People welcome back the spirits of family members. This holiday occurs each year from October 31st to November 2nd.

El Día de los Muertos dates back to the Aztecs and other people living in what is now Mexico. They didn't see death as an end. Instead, they saw it as part of the life cycle. They believed that when a person died, they traveled to the Land of the Dead. There they journeyed through nine challenging levels to finally arrive at the final resting place.

During *El Día de los Muertos*, people leave food and other gifts on the graves of their loved ones. They might also put these items on altars in their homes. These altars are colorful. They are decorated with flowers, candles, and pictures of the family members who have passed.

Costumes are also worn. Some people think it is a very scary holiday.



- Challenges focused on compare & contrast skills.
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 3 nonfiction passages, and 2 fiction passages
- Passages in 2nd-3rd Grade Text Complexity band (420L-820L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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4 Reading Challenges

Challenge #3



1. Read the story and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to follow the marigolds.
3. Collect some marigolds after the challenge to take back to your own *ofrenda*.



Marigolds!

Enter your answers in the Day of the Dead Decoder to see if you are ready to follow the marigolds!



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to view the video.



DO NOT go to the next page until you've answered the question on your brochure!

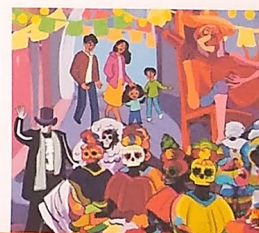
Alejandro stood with his family. They had traveled to Mexico City this year to celebrate *Día de los Muertos*, or The Day of the Dead. Today was the big parade. Alejandro was so excited to watch it. He loved parades, and his cousin, Luis, had told him all about this one.

"You've never seen anything like it!" Luis had said over the phone.

Now, Alejandro held Alicia's hand. His little sister was jumping up and down beside him while his parents stood behind them. "Calm down, Alicia. I don't want to miss the start of the parade. We've been waiting so long for this!"

"That's like asking her not to breathe," Mom said as she smoothed her hand over Alicia's curly black hair.

It was true. Alicia was always in motion. She couldn't sit still for two seconds. Alejandro's arm felt like it might fall off because of all her wiggling as she held his hand. He supposed a parade like this was a reason to be full of energy. The scene was festive. There were people everywhere, laughing and talking. Music from somewhere down the street traveled on the breeze. Many of the parade watchers had their faces painted to look like skulls. The scents of delicious



- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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2. Sugar Skull Face

To celebrate The Day of the Dead, many people make their faces look like skulls. You can try it by following these easy steps.

First, put moisturizing lotion on your face to prepare. Next, apply foundation makeup on your entire face. Avoid around your eyes. Be sure to choose a light, nearly white color. This will create a pale look. Set the foundation with white eye shadow. Wait for the foundation to dry. Use an eyeliner pencil to draw these circles from above the eyebrow to the top of the cheek.

Draw these circles from above the eyebrow to the top of the cheek. Then, apply eye shadow to your eyelids. Go all the way up to under your eyebrows. Choose a bright color, such as blue, pink, or orange.

Now, fill in the rest of the circle with black gel eyeliner. This will give your eyes the hollow skull look. Use the black gel eyeliner to color the tip of your nose. Next, draw a horizontal line from the corners of your mouth toward your ears with the eyeliner. Finally, create designs wherever you like. You can draw leaves, swirls, or patterns of shapes. When you're done, you're ready for the celebration!

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6. Thinking back to the passage titled, "Calaveras," what symbolic skeleton might someone use these steps to paint their face like?




- La Catrina
- Marigold
- El Día de los Muertos
- An animal

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Custom Videos	QR Codes	Embedded You Tube	Embedded
Audio Readings	N/A	No Audio Readings	Contains Audio Readings
Navigation	N/A	Student Directed	Automatically Advancing
Extras	Early Finish Challenges	Movable Pieces	Interactive Animation

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- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
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DAY OF THE DEAD DECODER

Use the following codes for each challenge to collect your ofrenda items and move to the next challenge.

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5	Question 6
Challenge 1	a = Well, b = Of c = No, d = Yes,	a = my b = it	a = the b = was	a = loved b = had	a = the b = had	a = dogal b = had

	Question 1
Challenge 2	a = Well, b = The c = It d = We

	Question 1
Challenge 3	a = The b = There c = By d = I

	Question 1
Challenge 4	a = At b = It c = We d = The

CHALLENGE 3



	Answer	Code
1.	c	By
2.	a	their
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

How were you able to follow the marigolds?

Escape the Land of the Dead RECORDING BROCHURE



Record your
challenge answers
during your
mission.

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- OOPS! Cards for differentiation

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Escape the Land of the Dead Challenge Complete!

Jenny S.
(Name)

You made the journey home on The Day of the Dead! With the help of your guides, you'll never get lost on the way to your familia's ofrenda, and you can visit every year!

23 / 09
(Date)

~CALAVERA CATRINA

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video.



Ooops!

You scared away the *calaveras*!



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