VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

Puebla, Mexico

for Cinco de Mayo

Integrates Reading Skills

A History of Mexico

Mexico has a rich history. The mighty Aztecs were in control of Mexico until the arrival of Europeans in 1517. Francisco Hernández de Córdoba was the first to visit. He had three ships and about 100 men. The local natives and the Spaniards had a conflict, so the Spanish governor sent a larger group of explorers to Mexico. Hernán Cortés led that voyage in 1519. He marched to the Aztec capital. Cortés was welcomed because he was mistaken for a god. He easily took over the city for Spain. Cortés built Mexico City on the ruins of the Aztec empire. This paved the way for colonization.

Mexico engaged in a move for independence in the 1800s. After a series of failed rebellions led by pr finally gained freedom from Spain in 1821. Disputes over Texas, California, and New Mexico in the 1830s-1840s led declaring war. Mexico refused to admit defeat. The U.S. sent troops to capture Mexico City. This was accomplish 1847. Peace was finally reached the following year. The Rio Grande became the southern border of Texas. Califor were handed over to the U.S.

A new Mexican constitution was made after the war with the United States. Certain groups did not That led to a civil war within Mexico that lasted three years. In 1910, the Mexican Revolution began after people dictator ruling them. They wanted change. Over one million people were killed in this conflict and others fled to After the revolution ended in 1917, political and social change happened. The change was limited, however, and no satisfied with the results.

Social Studies

Cinco de Mayo

The holiday Cinco de Mayo originated in Puebla, Mexico to celebrate a special day in history. It is now celebrated in many places around the world, including the United States.

Watch the video to learn more!

1. What does Cinco de Mayo

2. Explain the first Cinco de
celebration in the United Sta

3. What is the difference be
Mayo and Mexico's Indepen

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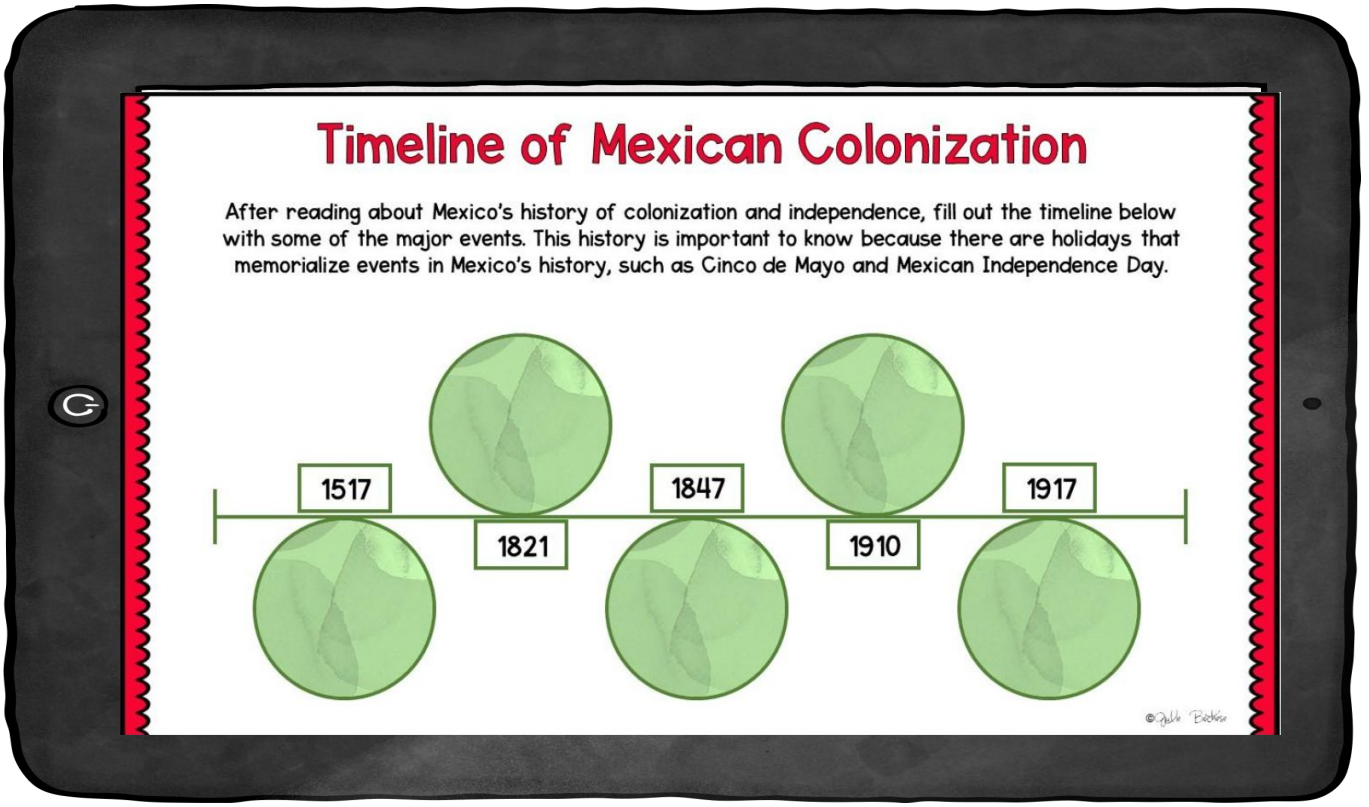
Interactive Timeline



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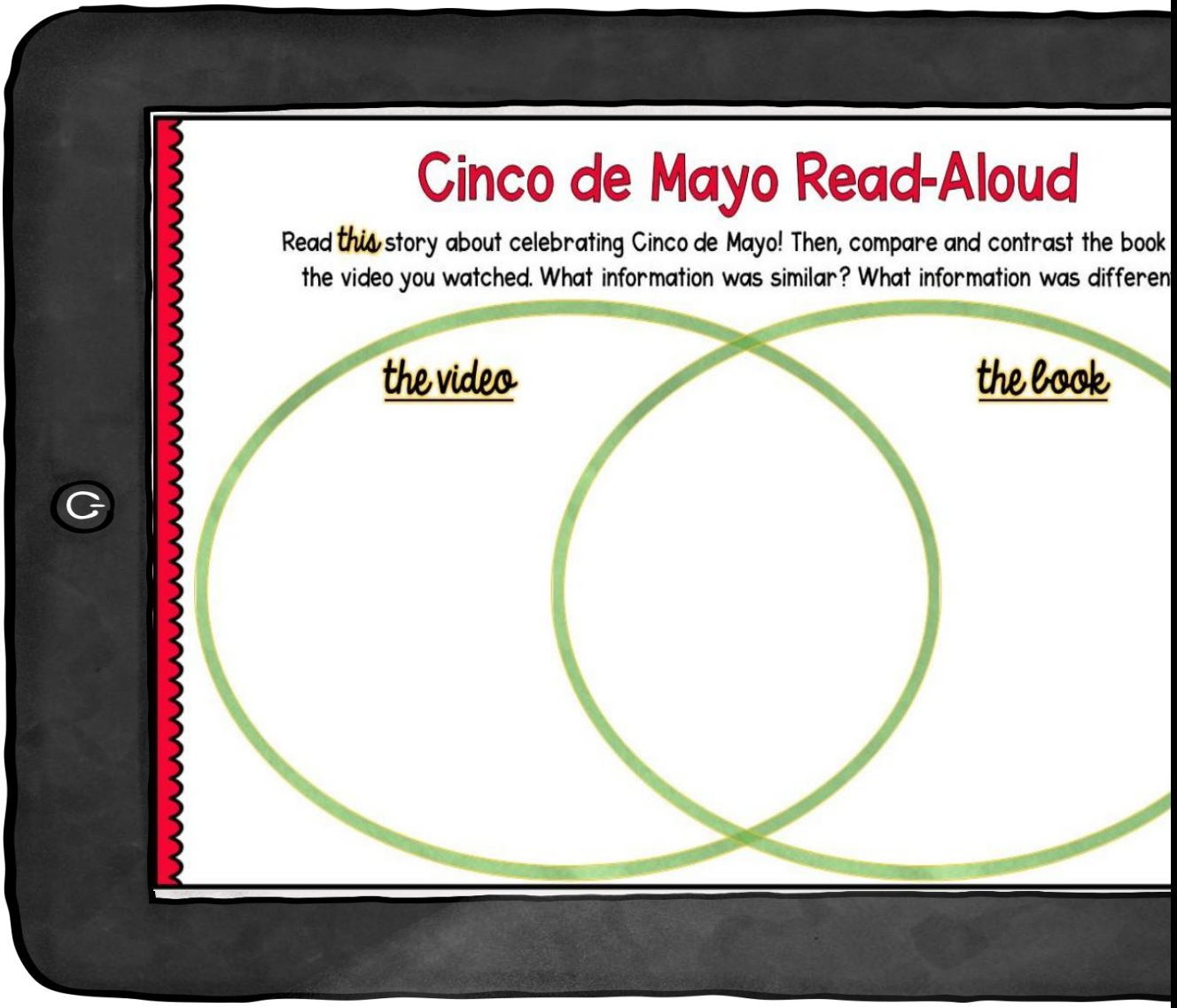

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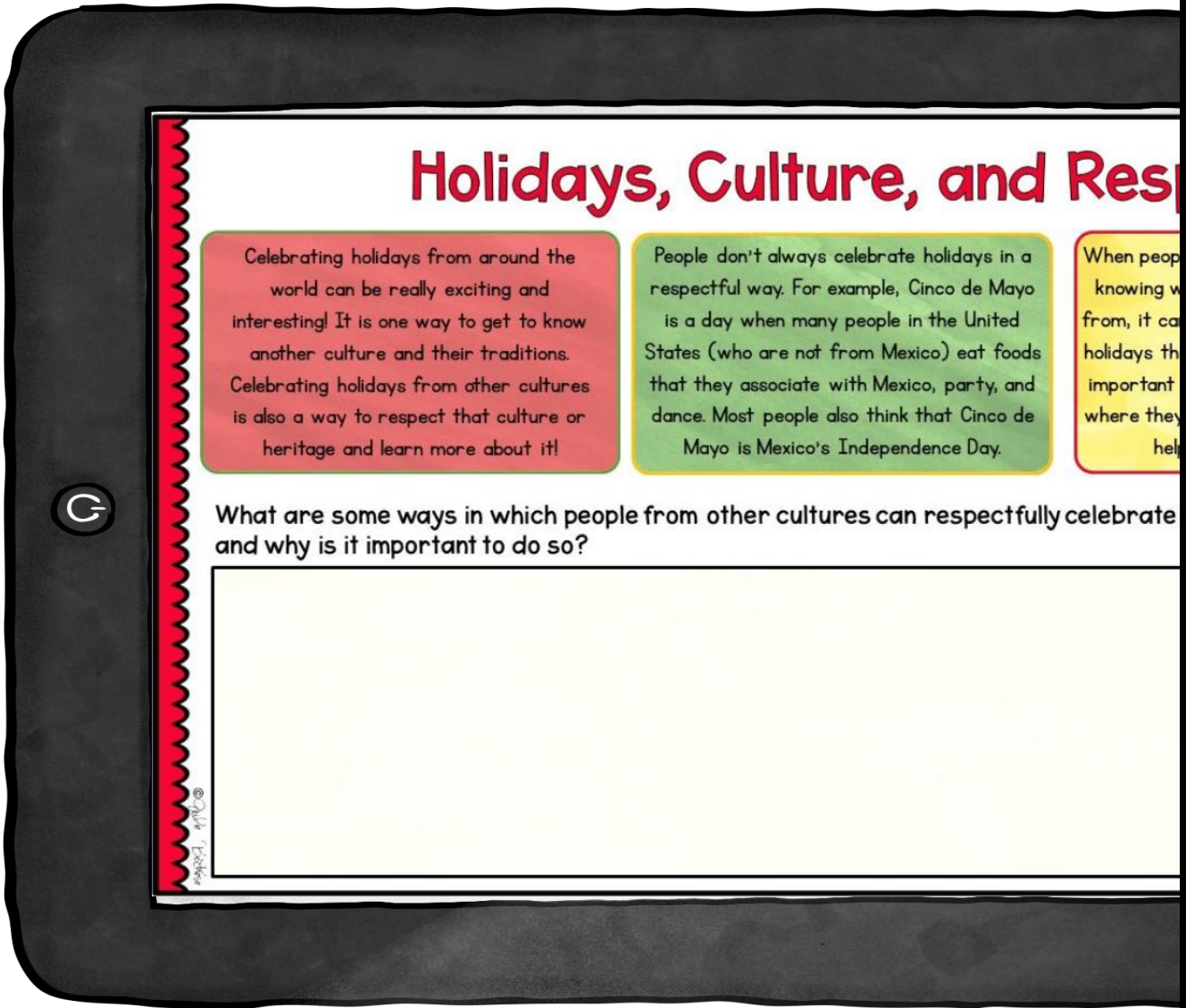

Holidays, Culture, and Resp

Celebrating holidays from around the world can be really exciting and interesting! It is one way to get to know another culture and their traditions. Celebrating holidays from other cultures is also a way to respect that culture or heritage and learn more about it!

People don't always celebrate holidays in a respectful way. For example, Cinco de Mayo is a day when many people in the United States (who are not from Mexico) eat foods that they associate with Mexico, party, and dance. Most people also think that Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's Independence Day.

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What are some ways in which people from other cultures can respectfully celebrate
and why is it important to do so?

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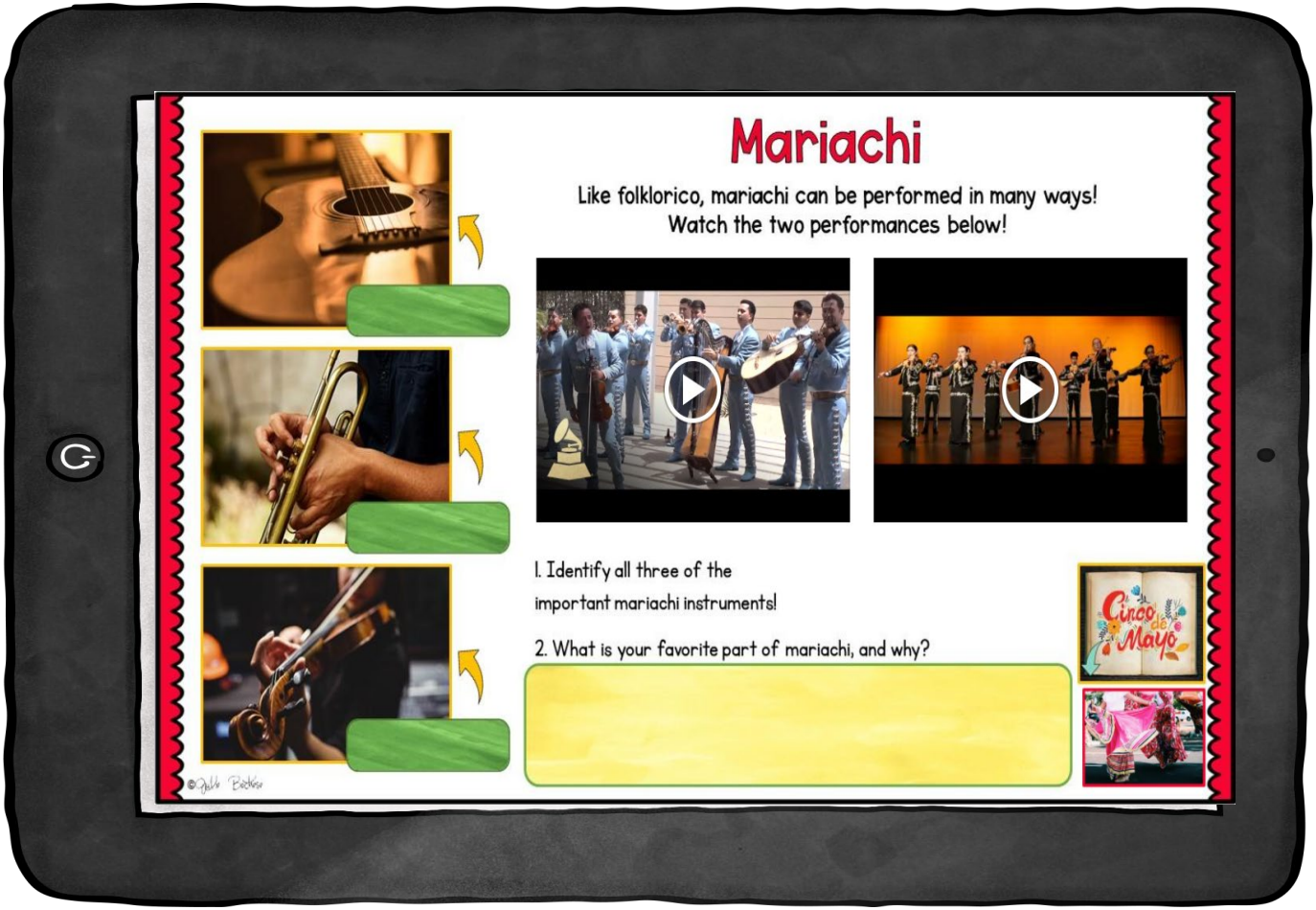

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