

Cinco de Mayo Cross Curriculum Unit Study

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Introduce your students to the flavorful history of Mexico by exploring the traditions of this holiday. This cross-curriculum unit involves young learners in math, crafts, music, games, and vocabulary activities, and even presents plans for a celebration feast they can prepare! Adaptable for grades 1-5.

Lesson Objectives

- To develop an understanding that the world is full of communities of different cultures
- To identify and learn to appreciate the contributions made by various cultures
- To recognize ways in which history is preserved and passed down to subsequent generations
- To identify ways in which history affects tradition
- To gain information about the Mexican holiday Cinco de Mayo
- To develop an appreciation for freedom, what it costs, and why it is celebrated
- To follow directions and participate in a joint effort to create a team project

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