

Learning Objective – Day of the Dead was introduced to the students at the start of the art project in class. The aim of the HW is to extend the students understanding of Day of the Dead and the work to practice drawing skills and techniques taught.

Year 9

Day of the Dead Art

Homework

Project Objective: *You have 10 homework tasks (each for 25 minute blocks) to complete over the next 2 weeks that will guide you towards creating a piece of artwork in the style of Day of the Dead. These homework tasks need to be handed into your teacher in the art lesson that follows the end of the project –*

Find some examples @ www.fulstonks3artdesign.weebly.com

Please remember that Art staff are available to help after school throughout this project and Homework club is available to all students. The project work needs to be completed on paper (available from your Art teachers) and when submitted held together with a paperclip or stapled.

We will post notifications for Year 9 on Show My Homework to act as reminders for students to help you organise your time.

You can hand each section in separately on the due date. Or you can hand everything in on the Final Deadline.

Failure to meet your homework deadline will result you owing 2hours 40mins of detention in the Art department.

1&2 - Write a short history of the Day of the Dead festival in your own words. Present this in a poster or leaflet style, do not copy and paste. Information about the festival follows.

WHO STARTED DAY OF THE DEAD?

Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead originated centuries ago in Mexico, where it is still widely celebrated to this day. The holiday is a blend of pre-Hispanic indigenous beliefs and Spanish Catholic beliefs.

WHO CELEBRATES DAY OF THE DEAD?

Dia de los Muertos is celebrated throughout Mexico. Many other countries around the world celebrate similar (or hybrid) versions of Day of the Dead as well, by having special days for honoring the dead. These celebrations occur in various countries in Central and South America, Europe and Asia, where they celebrate the holiday according to their own local customs.

Day of the Dead has also taken hold in areas with a high Mexican immigrant

population, particularly in California, Texas, Arizona and other parts of the United States.

Many people around the world, even if they are not directly connected to Mexican culture, are drawn to the concept and imagery of Mexico's Day of the Dead, so the holiday seems to continually gain in popularity as more people learn about it.

WHAT IS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS?

Dia de los Muertos is a holiday for remembering and honoring those who have passed. It is a festive, joyous time of celebration. Day of the Dead is Mexico's most important holiday, which means they invest a lot of time and money into celebrating Dia de los Muertos, more so than any other holiday.

WHEN IS DAY OF THE DEAD?

The Day of the Dead falls on November 1 and 2 of each year, coinciding with the Catholic holidays All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Although November 2nd is the official date for Day of the Dead, it is celebrated between October 31st and November 2nd. Usually the preparations (and some festivities) start even earlier than that. So really, the "Day" of the Dead can also be called the "Days" of the Dead, because the holiday spans more than one day.

Traditionally, November 1 is the day for honoring dead children and infants, and November 2 is the day for honoring deceased adults.

WHERE IS DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATED?

The Day of the Dead is celebrated in both public and private spaces. It is most often celebrated in homes and graveyards.

1. In homes, people create altars to honor their deceased loved ones. In some places it is common to allow guests to enter the house to view the altar.
2. In graveyards, families clean the graves of their loved ones, which they then decorate with flowers, photos, candles, foods and drinks. People stay up all night in the graveyards, socializing and telling funny stories about their dead ancestors. Musicians are hired to stroll through the graveyard, playing the favorite songs of the dead.

WHY DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE DAY OF THE DEAD?

People celebrate Dia de los Muertos to honor their deceased loved ones. It is a loving ritual, full of joy and remembrance.

Dia de los Muertos allows the dead to live again. During this time it is believed that the deceased return to their earthly homes to visit and rejoice with their loved ones.

The Days of the Dead are celebrated as a way of retaining connections with the unseen world – a world we will all return to one day.

Most people celebrate Day of the Dead out of love and commitment to their loved

ones, but some people celebrate this holiday out of fear! Mexico is rampant with folk tales that tell what happens if someone neglects their ancestors on Dia de los Muertos. If a spirit returns to find that no one has built an altar for them, or that their loved ones only left them paltry offerings, they will feel sad and angry... especially when they see what bounteous offerings other spirits received!

Neglected spirits may seek vengeance on those who have forgotten them. Additionally, many folk tales describe how those who ignore their deceased loved ones fall immediately

HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE DAY OF THE DEAD?

The most common ways of celebrating Day of the Dead in Mexico include:

- Setting up an altar with offerings
- Cleaning and decorating graves
- Holding all-night graveside vigils
- Telling stories about the deceased
- Making (or purchasing) and exchanging sugar skulls and other sweets

3 & 4 - You are a Travel Journalist and you have just witness a Day of the Dead ceremony. Watch the Youtube link below and write at least 250 words using the opening scene of the James Bond movie Spectre as your inspiration.

Consider describing the mood, atmosphere, colour, noise. What are people dressed like?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IUusnn7puQ>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rvnhqYI_gk

5&6 - Create an accessorized skeleton

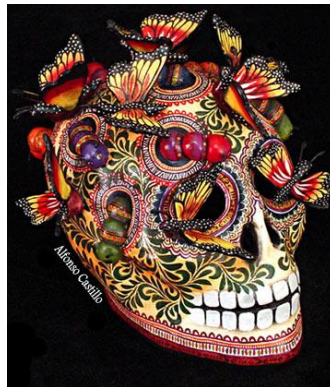
- Draw a skeleton on A4 paper look at the skeleton below to help you. You could make your skeleton moveable by cutting it out and using split pins for the joints.
- On separate paper draw clothing to fit your skeleton. Also create accessories such as hats, handbags guitars and skate boards to go with your skeleton.
- Cut out your clothing and accessories and stick onto your drawn skeleton.



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7. Find three different types of Day of the Dead skulls. Describe the differences in style, use of pattern, colour, motifs, and teeth shapes and how they are created or what they are made of.



8- Watch the YouTube link to see how clay skulls are traditionally made and decorated in Mexico and answer the following questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= qt9QwmenMY>

- What shape does the artist first make with the clay?
- How does the artist create the facial features?
- How does the artist create the eye brows?

- How are the teeth created?
- What happened to the skull after it was finished and left to dry and before painting?
- How does the artist paint the skull?

9&10 - Watch the YouTube clip of Mrs Relf making a clay skull and create a cartoon strip of the process. A cartoon strip combines drawn pictures and words to show the process.

<http://youtu.be/3PDQJa9DbFg><http://youtu.be/3PDQJa9DbFg>

