

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to create an ofrenda for Dia de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican celebration honoring the deceased.

Materials and Prep

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or colored pencils
- Magazines or printed pictures
- Access to a computer with internet

Before starting the lesson, make sure you have a basic understanding of the significance of Dia de los Muertos and the elements typically included in an ofrenda.

Activities

1. Research and Gather Inspiration: Use the internet or books to learn more about Dia de los Muertos and ofrendas. Look for pictures and examples to get inspiration for your own ofrenda.
2. Create a Plan: Decide what elements you want to include in your ofrenda. Think about the deceased individuals you want to honor and what items or symbols represent them.
3. Gather Materials: Collect the construction paper, scissors, glue, markers or colored pencils, and any pictures or magazine cutouts you want to use.
4. Design and Assemble: Use the construction paper and other materials to create the different components of your ofrenda. Cut out shapes, draw or write meaningful messages, and arrange everything on a flat surface.
5. Reflect and Share: Once your ofrenda is complete, take a moment to reflect on the significance of the items you included and the memories they represent. Share your creation with a family member or friend, explaining the meaning behind each element.

Tenth Grade Talking Points

- "Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday that takes place on November 1st and 2nd."
- "It is a time to honor and remember loved ones who have passed away."
- "Ofrendas are altars or offerings created to celebrate and remember the deceased."
- "They often include items such as photographs, favorite foods, and personal belongings of the deceased."
- "Ofrendas are meant to welcome the spirits of the departed back to the living world for a short time."
- "The colorful decorations and symbols used in ofrendas represent the cycle of life and death, as well as the connection between the living and the dead."
- "Creating an ofrenda is a way to honor the memories of our loved ones and keep their spirits alive in our hearts."