

# Spanish 1 Culture Project

## Día de los muertos

### Project Assignment:

Each student will do his or her own research about the customs and traditions for those who celebrate Day of the Dead. Students must create a visual representation of Day of the Dead that they can mix with something from their own culture. This could be mixing Day of the Dead with Halloween traditions, since they are both celebrated around the same times, or mix it with how we celebrate loved ones who have passed on in the United States. If your family has origins from another country, please feel free to use the heritage of your country of origin to incorporate into your project. If you don't know the customs of that culture, you can always do research.

Below are some ideas that you may use, however you are allowed to come up with your own idea.

### Project Ideas:

- Make a jack-o-lantern that has sugar skull designs on it, which represent both traditions of Mexico's Day of the Dead and the U.S.'s Halloween traditions.
- Color a candle that has both Day of the Dead and a Halloween representations.

Please note that you do not only have to use Halloween comparisons with Day of the Dead, but must include a custom of United States culture along with the Latin American culture of Day of the Dead.

### Guidelines:

1. *Culture*: Everyone must compare their own culture to Day of the Dead.
2. *Visual*: Everyone must have an art project to display to the class. If it is performance art, then have a diagram mapping out the performance.
3. *Speaking*: Everyone must present the project in Spanish. Be prepared to speak between 3-5 minutes.
4. *Comprehension*: The project must be accompanied with an analysis in Spanish explaining the two cultures. I prefer at least a paragraph (7 sentences).

**\*\*It is recommended that each student have the instructor proof-read the paragraph for each project before presentation day!!\*\***

**\*\*Remember that the entire presentation—oral and written—must be done in Spanish!!\*\***

### You will be graded on:

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| 1. Creativity/Participation          | 20 pts. |
| 2. Pronunciation                     | 20 pts. |
| 3. Correct grammar                   | 20 pts. |
| 4. Followed Assignment               | 20 pts. |
| 5. Was everything turned in on time? | 20 pts. |

**Proposal Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_