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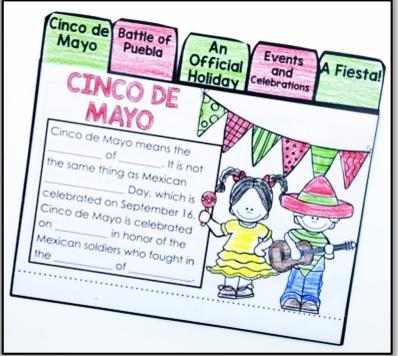
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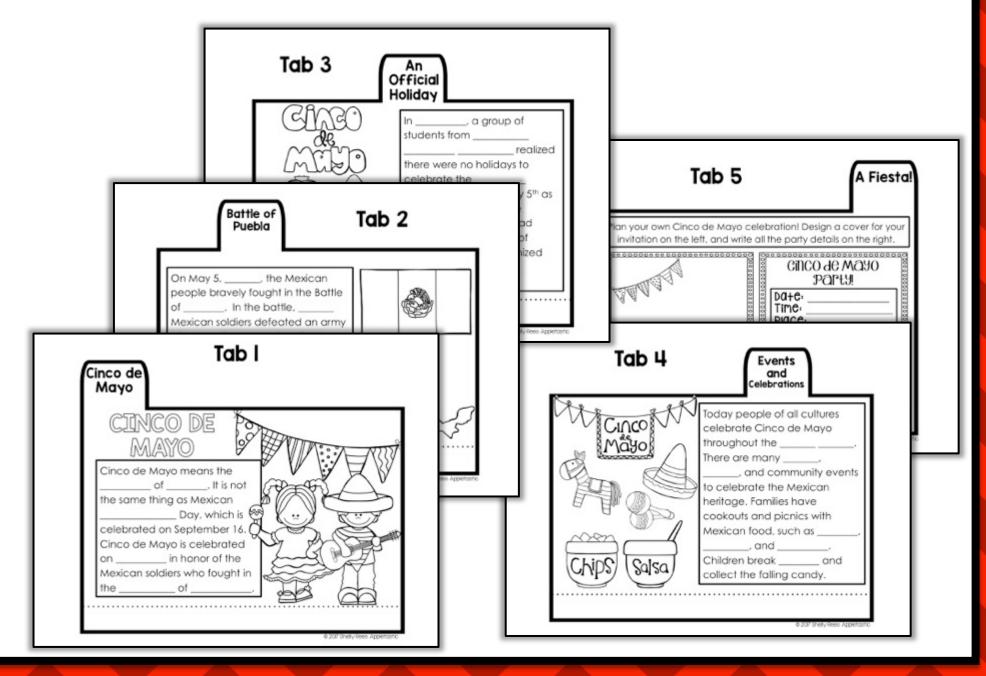
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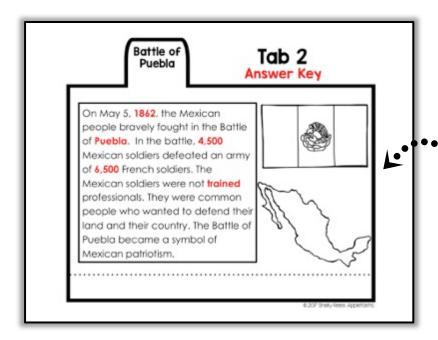


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Informational Passage & Answer Keys



The informational passage includes all the needed information to complete the flip book!

Cinco de Mayo

Do you celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Many Americans and Mexicans observe this holiday by participating in festivals, enjoying Mexican food, and spending time with friends at community festivals. You may be wondering how this holiday began or what it is all about.

"Cinco de Mayo" means the fifth of May, which is the day the holiday is celebrated. Many people believe that Cinco de Mayo is the Mexican Independence Day, but that is not true. The two holidays are separate and have different beginnings. While Cinco de Mayo is on May 5th, Mexican adependence Day is celebrated on September 16th.

On May 5, 1862, the Mexican people showed a great amount of courage in the Bratto of Buebla. During this battle, 4,500 Mexican soldiers defeated the rrench army of 5,500 soldiers at Puebla, Mexico. This was an amazing feat, since the Mexicon soldiers were not trained, professional soldiers at all. They were common people, such as farmers or shopkeepers who did not have any true experience with fighting in an army. Because of their courage and strong determination to defend their Mexican land and country, they were able to win the battle against all odds. This "Batalla de Puebla" became a symbol of Mexican patriotism.

In 1967, a group of students at California State University saw that there were no Chicano (United States residents with a Mexican heritage) holidays. They felt that the Chicano people should have their own holiday to celebrate their history and culture in the United States. They chose May 5^{th} as the date for the holiday, in honor of the Mexican people who had fought in the Battle of Puebla, and they organized the first Cinco de Mayo celebration. The holiday grew from there and today is largely celebrated throughout the country.

Today, people of all cultures celebrate Cinco de Mayo throughout the United States. There are many parades, festivals, and community events where the Mexican heritage is celebrated. Families have cookouts and picnics with delicious Mexican food, such as enchiladas, empanadas, and burritos. Children are blindfolded, given a large stick, and cheered on to break hanging piñatas. When the hollow piñata breaks apart, the children scramble to pick up the falling candy. Mariachi music can often be heard playing throughout the streets of the Cinco de Mayo festivals.

If you have never celebrated this holiday before, perhaps you will now! Start looking up some tasty Mexican recipes and find the nearest parade to celebrate the Mexican heritage. Happy Cinco de Mayo!

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