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History Hunters

1. Who is Benito Juarez and what does he have to do with Cinco de Mayo?
2. What is the biggest misconception about Cinco de mayo?
3. What caused the conflict that led to the Battle of Puebla?
4. How long did the conflict last and in what year did it end?
5. What was the end result of the conflict?



Festive Foods

1. Explain what the following foods are:
 - Menudo
 - Mole
 - Chorizo
 - Chilaquiles
 - Flan
2. Mexican food is a mix of what types of food?
3. What are some common staples found in the Mexican diet?
4. What food item accompanies almost every meal?
5. What does the word "taco" really mean?



Modern Music & Moves

1. What are some common topics in Mexican songs?
2. What is Mariachi music?
3. What kind of instruments are used in Mariachi music?
4. What is Tejano music and why is it so popular?
5. What kind of dances are popular in Cinco de mayo celebrations?



Fascinating Facts

1. Why is Cinco de mayo significant to all Americans?
2. Other than the Battle of Puebla, what three things does Cinco de mayo celebrate?
3. What was France's excuse for invading Mexico?
4. What now occupies the space that once was the battlefield of Puebla?
5. How many Mexican soldiers and French soldiers were involved in the Battle of Puebla?
6. Why was the initial victory at Puebla important in Mexican history?
7. Name an important Mexican battle cry.



Typical Traditions

1. What can you expect to see in a Cinco de mayo parade?
2. Other than parades, what other activities are common for a Cinco de mayo celebration?
3. How do people in San Diego's Old Town celebrate Cinco de mayo?
4. What type of events are popular in Los Angeles to celebrate Cinco de mayo?
5. Describe the typical costume for Cinco de mayo.
6. Why is Cinco de mayo celebrated on a much larger scale in the U.S.?
7. Name and describe a popular decoration made for this holiday.