

Internet Lesson
El Cinco de Mayo

Today's lesson is about El Cinco de Mayo, a holiday celebrated by the Mexican People.

The purpose of this assignment is to help students understand the culture/history of May fifth (El Cinco de Mayo). At the end of this lesson, students should know why this holiday is celebrated, and some of the ways they celebrate this day.

Class Level: One

We will go to the computer lab. Please look up web pages and be familiar with them. This lesson will be taught verbally, as well as with the internet. Students will look up certain websites to help them see different aspects of the holiday.

Primary Website: <http://www.mexonline.com/history.htm>

Other Links: <http://www.usis.usemb.se/Holidays/celebrate/cincode.html>
<http://eduscapes.com/42explore/cinco.htm>

Each student should work on their own.

Hand out the assignment.

The students should have around 35 minutes to do the assignment. Afterward, in the lab, conduct a question and answer time to find out what they discovered.

Evaluation: Completion of hand-out.

Participation: Each student should participate in the Q & A time after computer work. If not, please mark down those who do not participate. Students are awarded 5 points each day for participation.

Have students hand in worksheet at the end of class. This will enable you to take role, and also look over their work.



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- Look up this web page and answer the following questions.
(<http://www.mexonline.com/>)

- **Click on the history link.**
- **Click on Cinco de Mayo**

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Why is the 5th of May celebrated in Mexico?

In what year was the battle of Puebla?

Who was the Archduke Maximilian of Austria?

Which war wiped out the *national economy* of Mexico?

Who was the leader of the poor militia army that defeated the French army?

How many militia fought against 6,500 French soldiers?

*The following questions were created by Mrs. Zasada: <http://www.manteno.k12.il.us/mzasada/cincode.htm>

- Describe the problem that created the conflict.

- In the war who were the two opposing armies? Who were their leaders?

- From where and when in modern times did the idea come for popularizing the Cinco de Mayo celebration?

