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CINCO DE MAYO



Cinco de Mayo means “the fifth of May” in Spanish. Cinco de Mayo is a day of celebration for the people of Mexico and for Mexican-Americans. Between 1846 and 1848, Mexico was involved in the Mexican-American War. After the war ended, Mexico had very little money and many debts. The country was in a national crisis.

Under Napoleon III, France invaded Mexico in 1862. The Battle of Puebla occurred on the 5th of May. There were less than five thousand Mestizo and Zapotec Indians fighting for Mexico during this battle against more than eight thousand French soldiers. The Mexicans had very few weapons, but they were able to defeat, or win the battle against, the French army. This victory represents Mexican unity and patriotism, or love for their country.

Cinco de Mayo should not be confused with Mexican Independence Day. Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on September 16th every year. Fiestas, or celebrations, also occur on the 16th of September.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Mexico and by Mexican-Americans in the United States. It is a much larger celebration in the United States than in Mexico. Fiestas are held with music, dancing, parades, and food on the 5th of May every year. Cinco de Mayo is a very important day to the Mexican and Mexican-American people. It is a celebration of their rich history.

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ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ABOUT CINCO DE MAYO

1. Cinco de Mayo means _____ in Spanish.

2. What is a fiesta? _____

3. Where is Cinco de Mayo celebrated? _____

4. What happened at the Battle of Puebla? _____

5. How do people celebrate Cinco de Mayo? _____

6. How are Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day similar? _____

7. When was the Mexican American war fought? _____

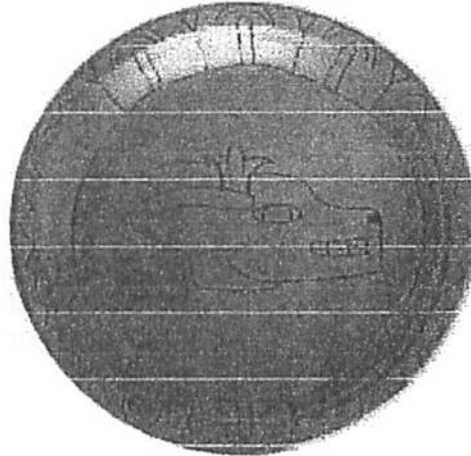
8. How is the Mexican American Cinco de Mayo celebration different from the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mexico? _____

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DLTK's Crafts for Kids

Mexican Pottery Paper Plate Craft

This is a simple craft to do as part of a Mexican (Aztec) history lesson. Younger children will paint simpler images and older children or art students can make them more complex.



Tasha's Mexican pottery

Materials:

scrap paper and pencil

Paper plate,

Paint (we used brown and yellow) -- shades of black, white, brown, orange, yellow and red are all appropriate choices.

Paintbrush,

Instructions:

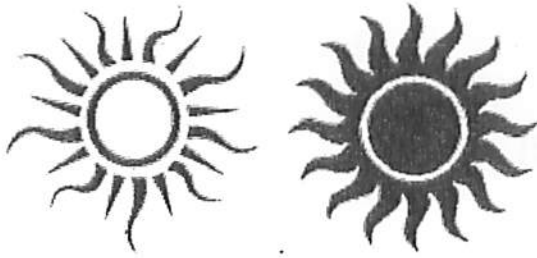
Draw a rough design on a scrap piece of paper.

The pottery designs usually have a geometric design around the edge (zig zags work!)

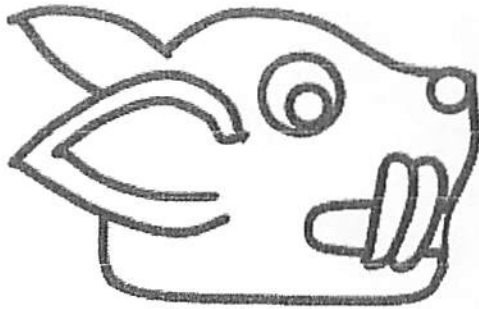
You can use anything as your inspiration.

The sun is a very popular image in Aztec art.





Images from the Aztec calendar are also popular subjects -- each day of the month has its own symbol. Here are just a few that we liked.



Aztec goddess (rabbit) Tochtli -- A day of self sacrifice and service to something greater than oneself.



Aztec god (deer) Mazatl -- A day for breaking old routines.



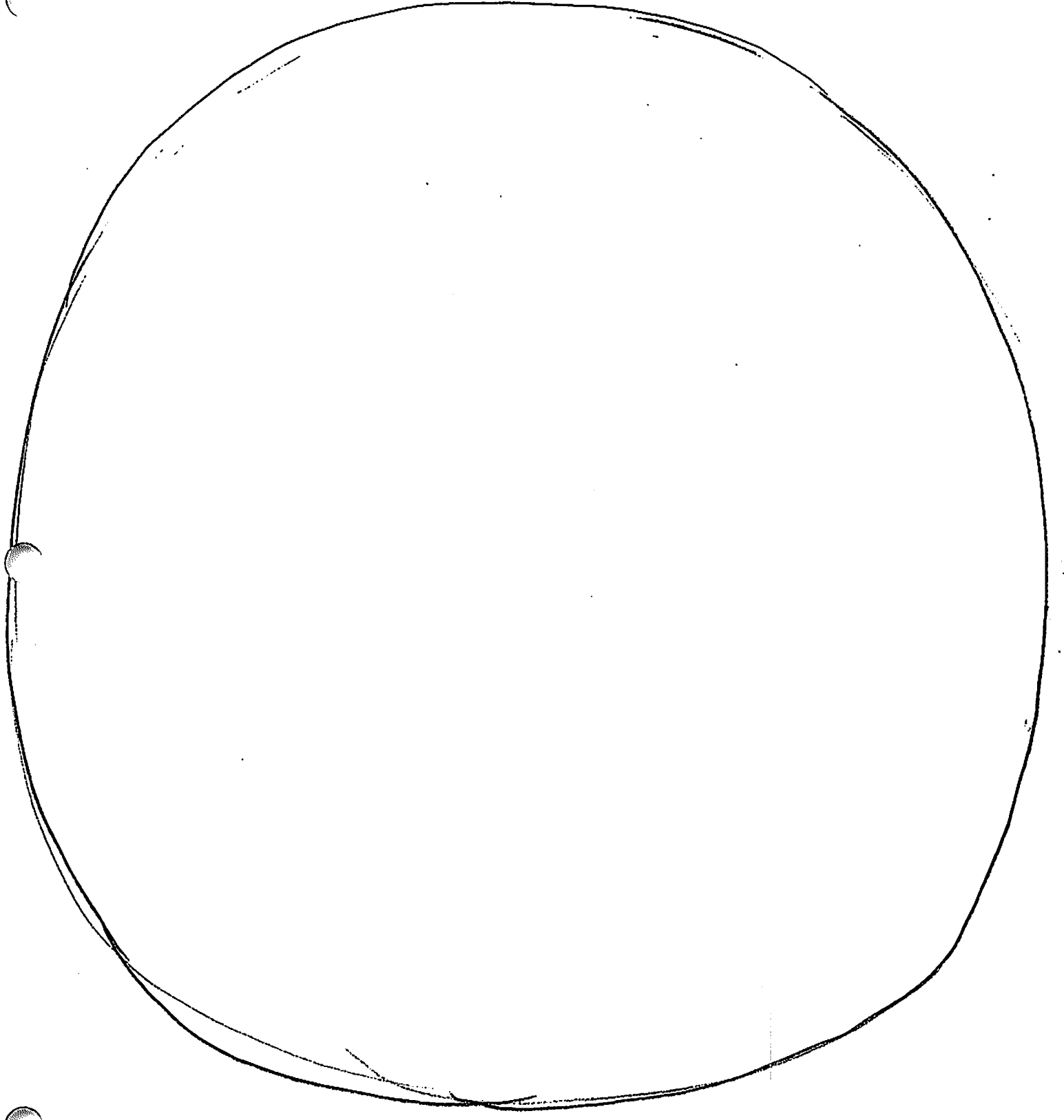
Aztec god (lizard) Cuetzpalin -- A good day to work on your reputation through actions not words.

Remember you need to keep the image simple enough to paint it.

Paint your paper plate a base color (we used yellow paint for this).

Let dry

Dibuja una forma azteca o inventa una original



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C A N M V H T F I F D I T S Q
 N E D F C G B I S A V W Y H V
 U P L N K H N L N F Q Z U S J
 F R E E D O M I U Y I E R D F
 W R Y I B P Q B C X L R U B Y
 F A M A Y R A E O N U H D L A
 D T Q Q D E A R Q M A G M Z A
 M S I T O I R T A P T D W N N
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 M I M E X I C O P O E C I L T
 T F V T S T V X H U N S U N Q
 Q K I P Q A Q O K A U U W D Z
 L I J H W M X Y R M Y W J E B
 F H K S D U N F T S U U Y W F

CELEBRATION	FIFTH	FRENCH	LIBERTY	MUSIC
DANCING	FRANCE	FUN	MAY	PARADES
FIESTA	FREEDOM	HOLIDAY	MEXICO	PATRIOTISM

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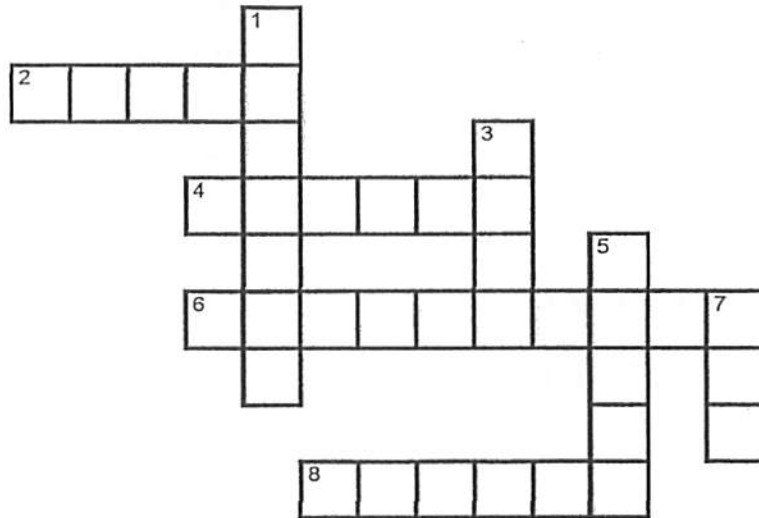
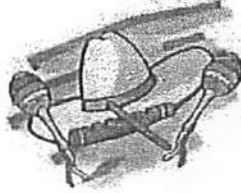
CINCO DE MAYO WORD UNSCRAMBLE



UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS.

1. ECIMOX _____
2. LIODYAH _____
3. EAOLCTBIRNE _____
4. SIAMTRITIPO _____
5. TFFHI _____
6. AMY _____
7. ATEIFS _____
8. CUISM _____
9. FNU _____
10. NICDNAG _____
11. CFANER _____
12. RYTEBLI _____
13. EHRCFN _____
14. DREFMOE _____

CINCO DE MAYO CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

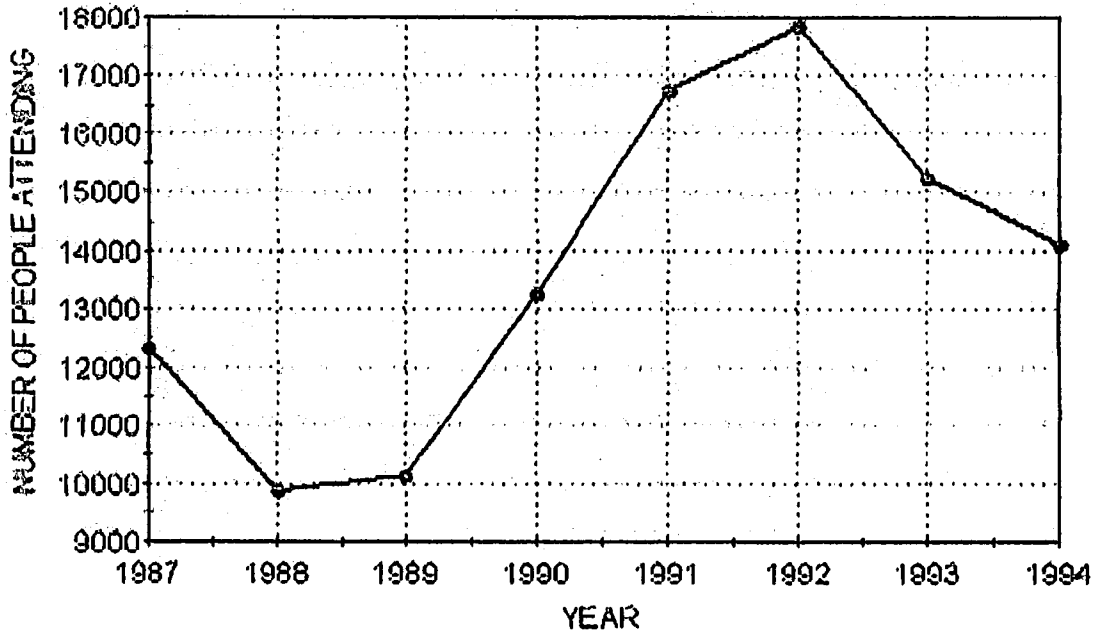
2. Spanish word for fifth
4. A Mexican celebration
6. Love and respect for your country
8. The Mexican Army defeated the _____ army at the Battle of Puebla.

Down

1. Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican _____.
3. Spanish word for May
5. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on the ___ day of the month.
7. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in the month of _____.

CINCO DE MAYO LINE GRAPH

ATTENDANCE AT CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL BY YEAR



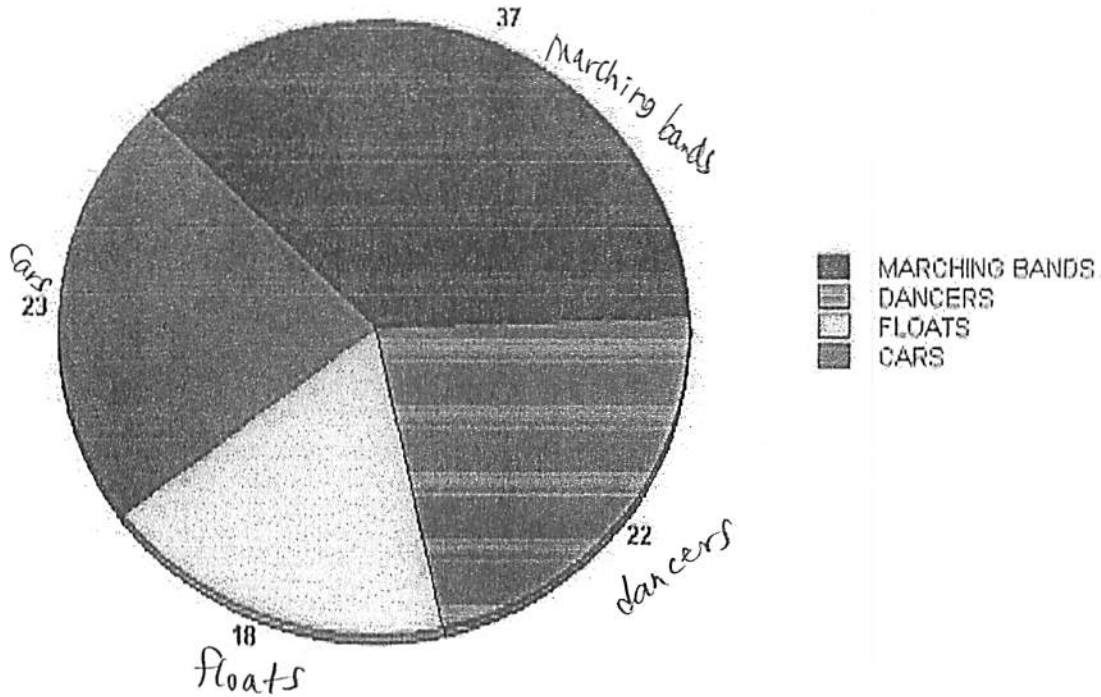
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. In which year did 13,267 people attend the Cinco De Mayo festival? _____
2. What is the title of this graph? _____

3. The fewest people attended the festival in _____.
4. In which year did 16,765 people attend the festival? _____
5. The greatest number of people attended the festival in _____.
6. In which years did less than 13,000 people attend the festival? _____, _____, and _____
7. In which years did more than 15,000 people attend the festival? _____, _____, and _____

CINCO DE MAYO PIE GRAPH

ENTRIES IN THE CINCO DE MAYO PARADE IN PERCENTS



ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

1. What percentage of the parade entries were floats?

2. What percentage of the parade entries were marching bands?

3. Most of the parade entries were _____.
4. Marching bands and dancers totaled _____ of the parade entries.
5. Floats and cars totaled _____ percent of the parade entries.
6. Cars and dancers totaled _____ percent of the parade entries.