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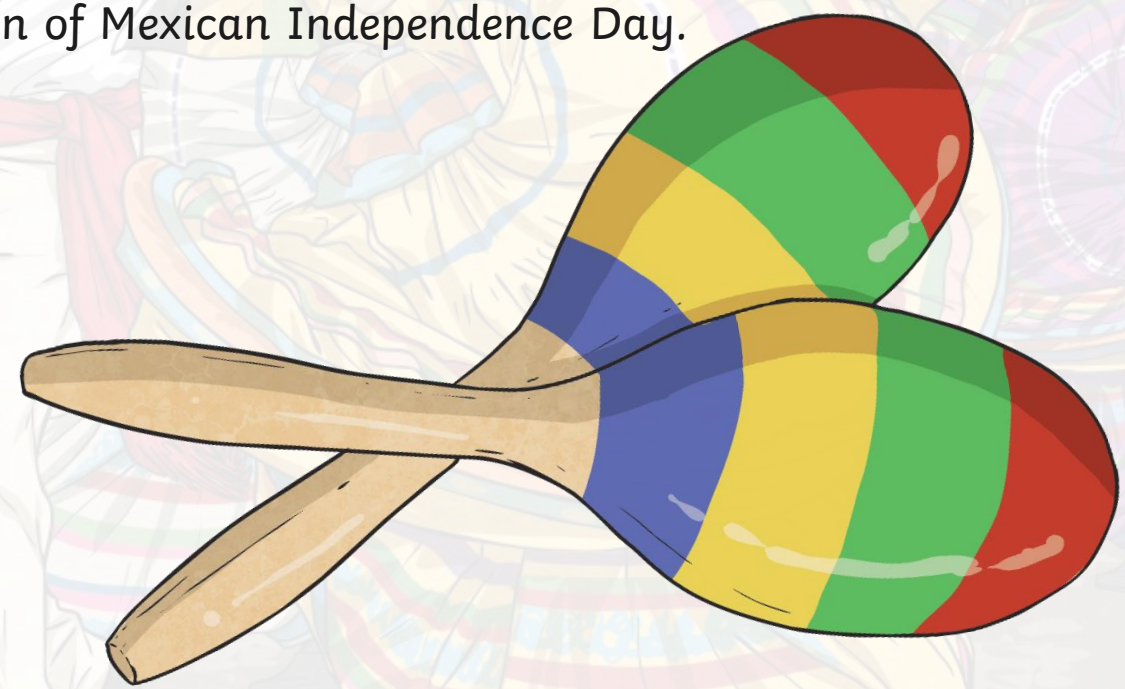
- Cinco de Mayo means the "Fifth of May" in Spanish.
- Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of the Mexican victory of the Battle of Puebla.
- It is not a celebration of Mexican Independence Day.



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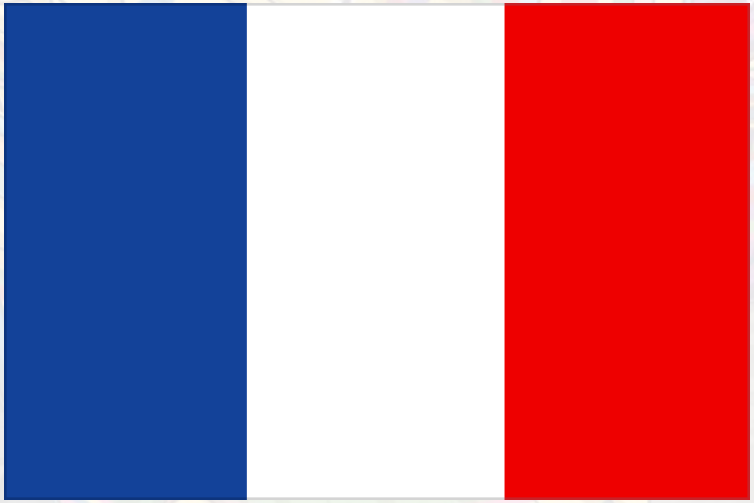
Battle of Puebla

- Mexico was in debt to many countries.
- France invaded Mexico to demand repayment of the debt.
- When France invaded Puebla, the Mexican Army pushed back, and won the battle.
- No one expected Mexico to win!



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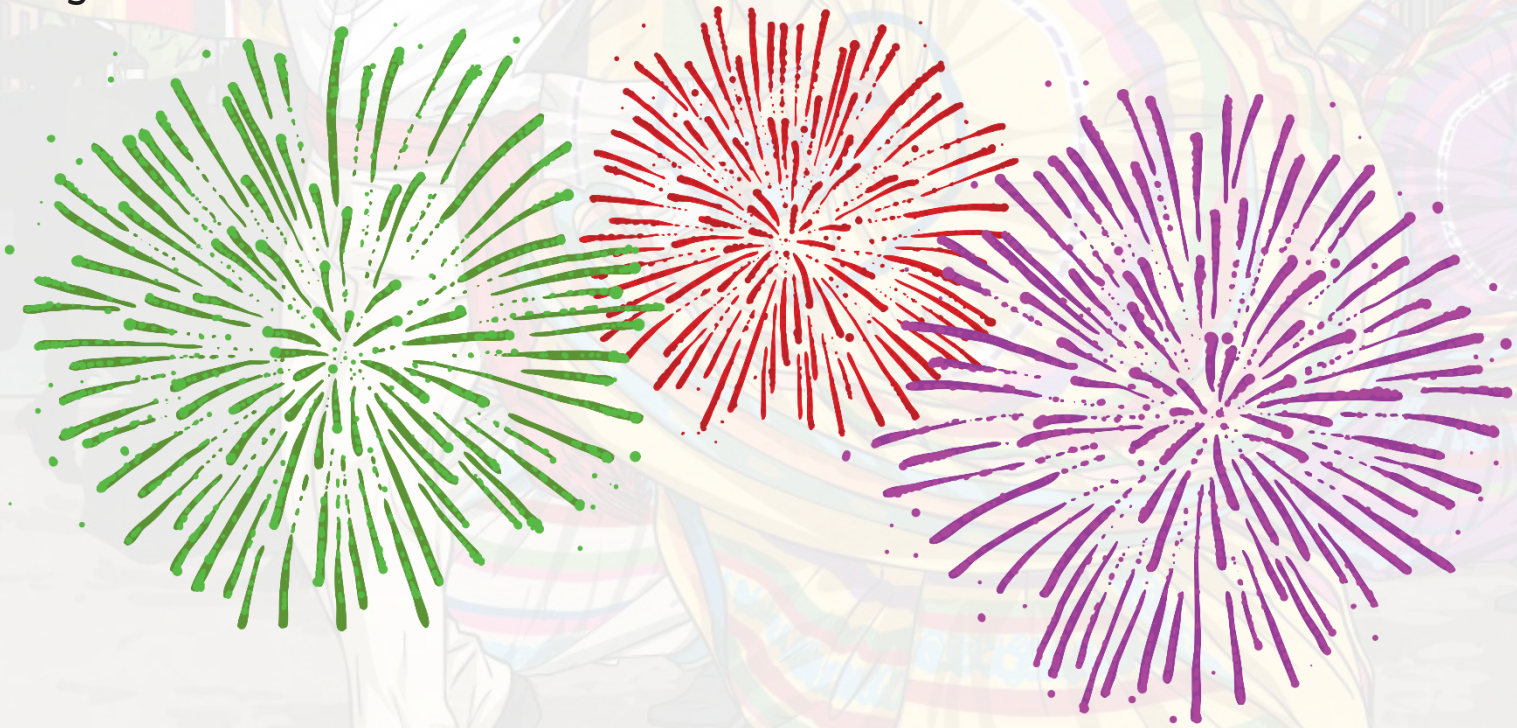
Mexico's Victory

- Mexico won the Battle of Puebla but lost the war against the French.
- Winning the battle was so exciting that people still celebrate the victory today.



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Celebrations

- The city of Puebla still celebrates Cinco de Mayo.
- It is a town holiday, not a Mexican national holiday.

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U.S. Celebrations

- Several states in the United States used to be part of Mexico.
- When those states joined the Union, they continued celebrating Cinco de Mayo.
- Many U.S. citizens and Mexicans alike celebrate Cinco de Mayo today!

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Largest Celebration

- Many cities with large Hispanic populations celebrate the day.
- Countries all over the world celebrate Cinco de Mayo.
- Los Angeles, California hosts the world's largest Cinco de Mayo celebration.

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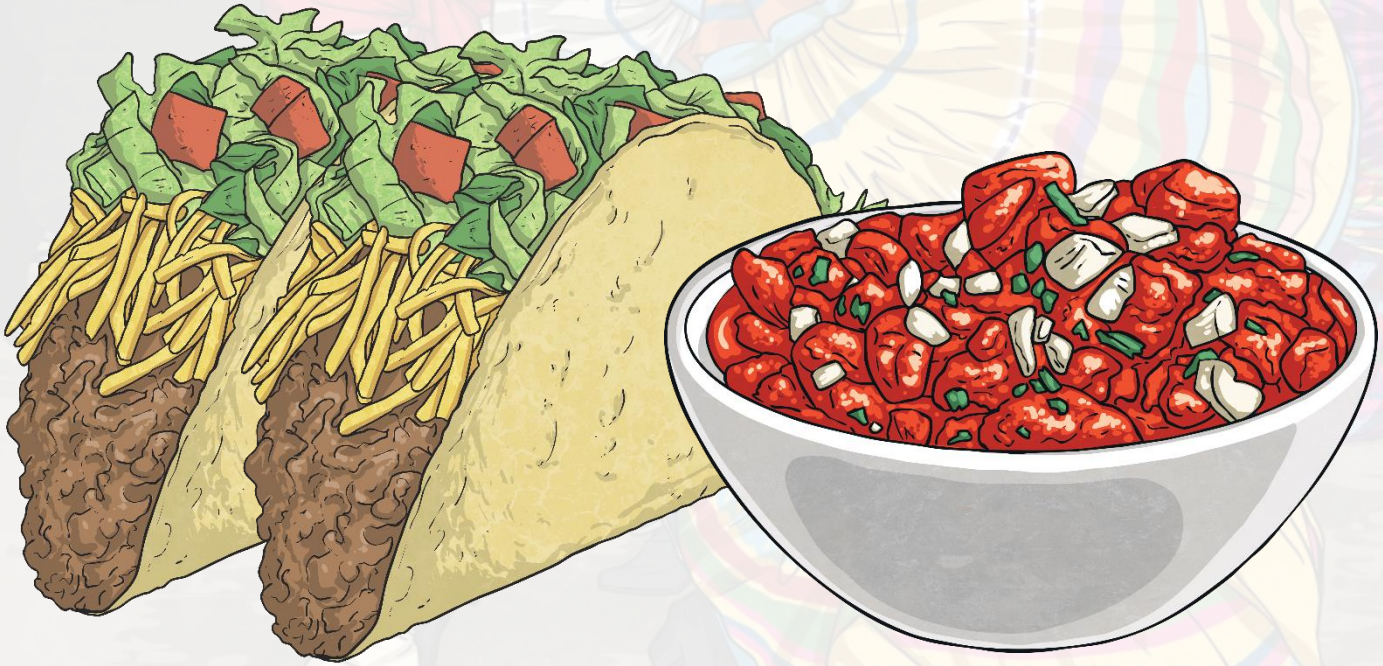
Honoring Cinco de Mayo

- You can celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making traditional Mexican foods like tacos and salsa!
- You can listen to a Mariachi Band!
- You can try practicing your Spanish Language skills!



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When is Cinco de Mayo?

March 5

May 5

September 6

September 16

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The victory at which battle is the reason to celebrate Cinco de Mayo?

- Battle of People
- Battle of Mexican Independence
- Battle of Puebla
- Battle of France

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Who invaded Mexico and lost the battle?

France

The United States

England

Canada

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Well done!

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What do you think “debt” means, based on the information on slide 4?

Needed favors from

Owe money

Give money

Be citizens of

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Why is celebrating Cinco de Mayo important?

- There are many reasons why celebrating Cinco de Mayo is important. Some of which are:
- It is a celebration of Mexican resilience and strength.
- It is important to remember Mexican history and culture.

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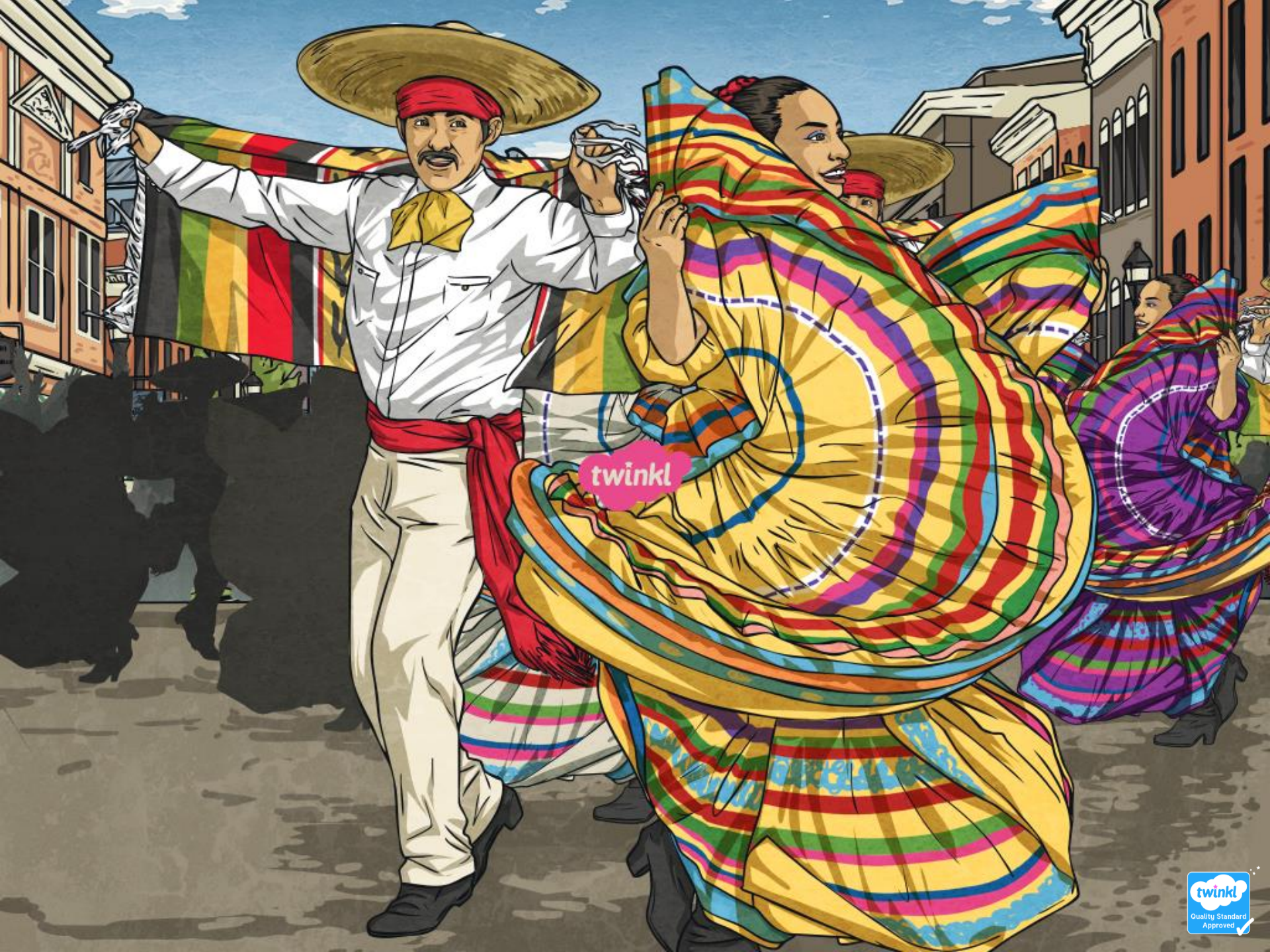
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