

SCAVENGER HUNT



THINK TANK

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES



10 Cinco de Mayo celebra

10 READING CARDS

1 Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of celebration observed by many people not only in Mexico but also in the United States and other parts of the world. This day commemorates an important event in Mexican history and is marked by various traditions that bring people together to honor their heritage.

What country was Napoleon the emperor of?

2 The origins of Cinco de Mayo go back to May 5, 1862, during the Battle of Puebla in Mexico. At that time, Mexico was in a difficult situation. It was in debt (owed money) to several countries, including France. Benito Juárez was elected president of Mexico in 1867.

7 One tradition associated with Cinco de Mayo is the colorful parades in cities across the United States. These parades feature Mexican folk music called mariachi, people in white and green costumes, and a lot of food that is enjoyed with family and friends. Traditional Mexican dishes include tacos, enchiladas, and tamales. Many people also enjoy drinking tequila or flan or mole poblano. The celebration often ends with chocolate and chilis.

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al ---- Zaragoza.

8. Why do some Americans celebrate Cinco de Mayo? Because the Battle of Puebla could have changed the outcome of the U.S. Civil War. Napoleon wanted to take over Mexico so he could provide help to the Confederate Army. He had plans to eventually conquer his empire across Mexico and into the United States. President Abraham Lincoln took a neutral stand between Mexico and France. Some historians believe that Mexico did not claim victory at Puebla, the Confederates would have won the Civil War. The Battle of Puebla had the potential to change the fate of the United States forever.

In Mexico, the holiday is called
El Día de la Batalla de ---.

3 When Mexico declared that it couldn't pay its debts, France invaded the country. Despite being outnumbered and outgunned, the Mexican army, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza, achieved victory over the French forces at the Battle of Puebla. A group of about 4,500 were able to stop the invasion of the French army that had about 6,500 soldiers. This unexpected victory boosted the morale and became a symbol of determination.

What was the last name of America's 32nd President?

4 Mexico's victory at Puebla slowed the assault from France but did not stop it altogether. In 1863 Napoleon III (Emperor of France) ordered 30,000 troops be sent to Mexico. Napoleon installed Ferdinand Maximilian von Habsburg as Mexico's ruler. Under new leadership, the troops were able to conquer Mexico City. Habsburg was seen in line to the Austro-Hungarian throne. M

 In 1861, Benito Juarez was elected ___ of Mexico.

10 Cinco de Mayo celebrations began to gain interest in the United States around 1906. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (32nd president) wanted to improve relations with Latin American countries and commended the Mexican army's victory. He then enacted a "Good Neighbor Policy" in 1933. Under this policy, Cinco de Mayo was recognized and promoted. Congress declared Cinco de Mayo an official U.S. holiday in 2005.

In what month is Mexico's Independence Day?

5 Cinco de Mayo is often mistaken for Mexico's Independence Day, which is celebrated on September 16. May 5th is a day to honor the brave soldiers who fought in the Battle of Puebla and to celebrate Mexican heritage.

The event in Los Angeles is called Festival de Fiesta ____.

CODE
WORD

While Cinco de Mayo may be a well-known phrase in the United States, the people in Mexico use different terminology. In Mexico, the holiday is called El Día de la Batalla de Puebla, which translates to "The Day of the Battle of Puebla." The city of Puebla was renamed Puebla de Zaragoza as tribute to General Ignacio Zaragoza, who led

ANSWER SHEET

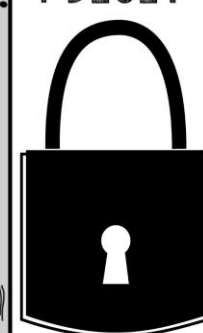
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FOUND
CARD #

[illegible]

FINAL WORD ANSWER

4 DIGIT CODE



CODE text, using the numbers in the FIND column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above. Follow these clues:

Eliminate the highest number in the FOUND column.

Get a lot of advice that
saves you time and money.

Eliminate numbers that

What 4 numbers are in the order you are given?

CITE EVIDENCE

ANSWER SHEET If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

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FINAL WORD ANSWER: _____

4 DIGIT CODE Next, using the numbers in the FOUND column in the same order in which you recorded them above; follow these clues.

- Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.
- Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just letters.
- Eliminate numbers that start with the letter _____.

FINAL CODE What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

1 STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS

2 STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER

3 STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD

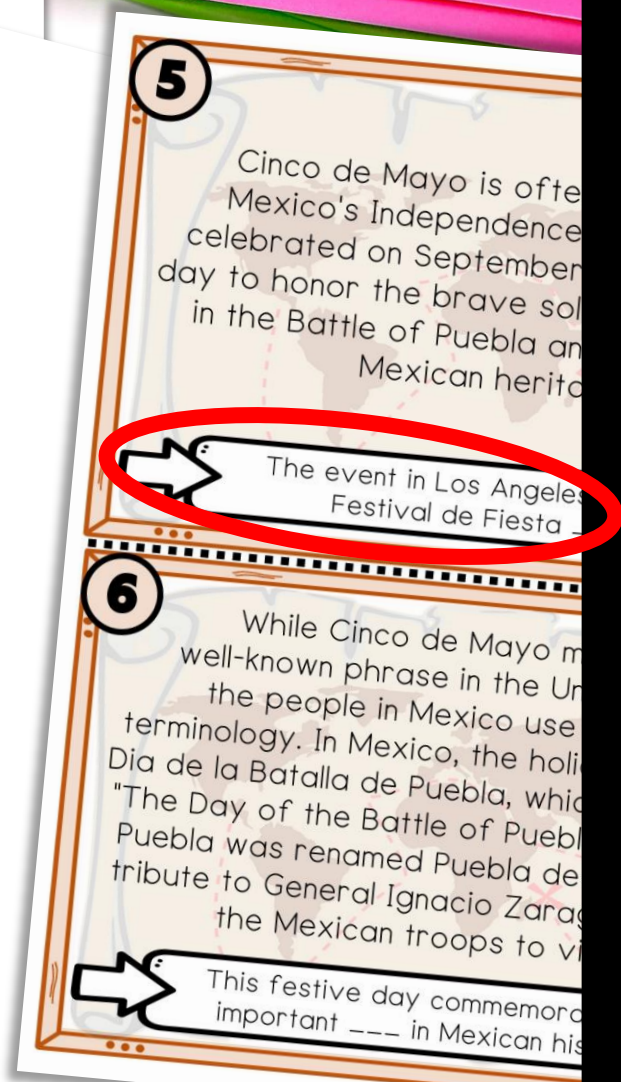
4 STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1 Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.
- 2 Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".
- 3 The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!

OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

- ANTICIPATORY SETS
- EARLY FINISHERS
- STATIONS
- SUB PLANS
- PARTNER WORK
- ENRICHMENT

- MOVEMENT
- CROSS-CURRICULAR
- HIGHLY ENGAGING

