

Reading

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On November 2 takes place **the "Day of the Dead"**, which is celebrated in Europe and North America as All Saints' Day. Especially for this day Ecuadorians bake "Guaguas de pan" and cook "Colada Morada".

In November, there is a ceremony called "**Mama Negra**". This special event is held for the anniversary of its independence, and in honor of the Virgen de la Merced in the province of Cotopaxi. A particularity of this festival is that it is celebrated twice a year.

Ecuadorians, of course, also celebrate **Christmas**. On December 24, families gather in their homes to make the novena and have dinner together. On Christmas Eve, families open their gifts together.

At the end of the year, Ecuadorians celebrate the arrival of the new year, building figures of paper and glue (**años viejos**) that they burn at midnight, on December 31. The burning of the dummy represents leaving behind all the bad things that happened during the year gone, and it is hoped that the new year will be better. In addition, there are many fireworks in the cities.

Activities

1. Circle the correct answer.

- a) The Indians disguised themselves as devils in rejection of the Catholic religion because of abuses they suffered at the hands of the **English / Spanish**.
- b) The Guaranda's Carnival was in honor of nature and the **King of Spain / Cacique Guaranga**.
- c) processions and people dressed in purple costumes on the streets holding a statue of Jesus to celebrate the **Mama Negra / Holy week**
- d) Ecuadorians bake "Guaguas de pan" and cook "Colada Morada" to celebrate the **Inty Raymi / Dia de los difuntos**
- e) Before the new year, the Ecuadorians burn the "año Viejo" at **midnight / noon**
- f) Inti Raymi is a festival that celebrates the **moon / sun**.
- g) Another name, to refer to the celebration that occurs on November 2nd is **the All-Saints Day / Day of the Gone Ones**.

2. Look at the picture and complete the paragraph with the words in the box

Dances Costumes Ecuador characters Guitar



This picture is a traditional celebration in where the woman
While the man dances and plays the
Both usually wear colorful
traditional

3. Match the festivities with the right picture.

Mama Negra

Holy Week

Diablada de Pillaro

Christmas

Guaranda's Carnival

