

THE MOVIE COCO



1. Investigate about the Day of the Dead in Ecuador, Mexico, and Spain.

Ecuador

It is known as "Dia de todos los Santos. People go to the cemetery to leave some flowers and eat autumn fruits

Mexico

Set up altars, dress up as skeletons, and host parties

Spain

It is known as "Dia de los Difuntos". People bring flowers and typical traditional food to the cemeteries

What are the differences and similarities you find?
Choose the correct ones.

Similarities	Differences

The celebration is on November 2nd

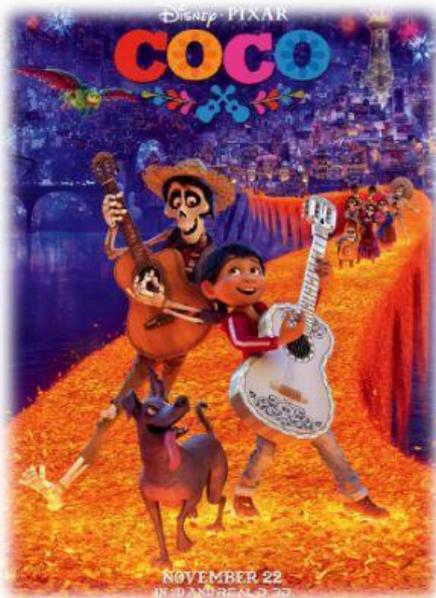
Go to the cemetery to leave flowers to their dead relatives and friends

It is a religious tradition

People participate in parades

People dress up as skeletons

2. Read the following review about the movie “Coco” and answer the questions.



A young boy called Miguel dreams of singing and playing guitar just like his movie-star hero, Ernesto De La Cruz. But there’s a problem; generations before, his great - great - grandmother’s heart (Coco) was broken when her musician husband abandoned her. Since then, she has forbidden the family from playing music. Miguel can’t bear the restriction, but when he steals a guitar from his idol’s tomb, he is transported to the Land of the Dead. He discovers he cannot get home unless he finds a deceased family member to give him a blessing. To do that, he teams up with the dead man Hector.

It was very hard to establish the rules of the Land of The Dead, when the deceased can visit the living, but once that’s done, the film ends in a touching finale through spectacular musical numbers. Local Mexican foods and traditions such as alebrijes (folk-art sculptures of fantastical creatures) are everywhere. Miguel has to find peace in the land of the living with the help of the dead, and the way he does so will make anyone cry.

- a) Why do you think Miguel can't bear the restrictions of playing music imposed by his great-grandmother?

He wanted to be like his hero, Ernesto de la Cruz.

His dream was to become a famous shoemaker as Coco's business

He wanted to find Coco's father

He dreamed of singing and playing music



- b) Make a list of 5 adjectives you can identify in the review.

- c) What Mexican tradition did the film review mention?

