



TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

THE DAY OF THE DEAD

#1

The centerpiece of the celebration is an altar, or ofrenda, built in private homes and cemeteries. These aren't altars for worshipping; rather, they're meant to welcome spirits back to the realm of the living because they are going to _____ for some days. When families go to cemeteries, they usually _____ there for one night.

#2

"Calaveritas" are clever, biting poems in which people _____ about death and _____ in order to read aloud, and broadcast on television and radio programs. They're funny and about people that are alive.

#3

"Pan de muerto", or bread of the dead, is a typical sweet bread (pan dulce), often featuring anise seeds and decorated with bones and skulls made from dough. The bones might be arranged in a circle, as in the circle of life. Even though they are very sweet, people love to _____ them _____.

#4

_____ as skeletons is part of the fun. People of all ages have their faces artfully painted to resemble skulls, and, mimicking the calavera Catrina.

#5

The literal translation, pierced paper, perfectly describes how it's made. Artisans stack colored tissue paper in dozens of layers, then perforate the layers with hammer and chisel points. They always _____ the designs. ✂

talk down look up settle down put up eat down up
dressing up dress up write down

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