

Día de los Muertos

November 1–2 is the annual celebration of Día de los Muertos. During this festival people prepare special foods, create altars and honor and remember the passing of loved ones.

This celebration occurs throughout Mexico, Central America, South America and many other locations as well. However, Indigenous observation of Día de los Muertos in the Americas pre-dates conquest.

Write your own poem honoring those who have passed.

Start each line with: **I remember...**

I remember...

I remember...

I remember...

I remember...

Monarch Butterfly

Every year starting in late October and into November, the monarch butterfly migrates or moves from the United States and Canada to Mexico. Monarch butterflies play a role in Día de los Muertos because they are believed to hold the spirits of the departed. This belief stems from the fact that the first monarchs arrive in Mexico for the winter each fall on November 1, which coincides with Día de los Muertos.

Use the pattern below to create paper butterflies to place on an *ofrenda* (temporary altar) honoring your loved ones.

