

Día de los Muertos

is NOT Halloween!

It's NOT scary!

It's NOT particularly sad!

It's a joyous celebration of remembrance!!!

El Día de los Muertos...

- ☐ **has more in common with Memorial Day than with Halloween.**
- ☐ **it is respect and remembrance for those no longer with us.**



Remembrance of Ancestors

- ☐ World-wide phenomena which transcends nations and religions.
- ☐ Not Just Halloween: Festivals of the Dead from Around the World <http://edsitement.neh.gov/not-just-halloween-festivals-dead-around-world>
- ☐ Japan, Korea, China, Nepal, Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Australia, USA, Spain, Poland, Ireland (not comprehensive list.)
- ☐ List of 13 countries <http://listas.20minutos.es/lista/dia-de-muertos-en-diferentes-partes-del-mundo-272970/>

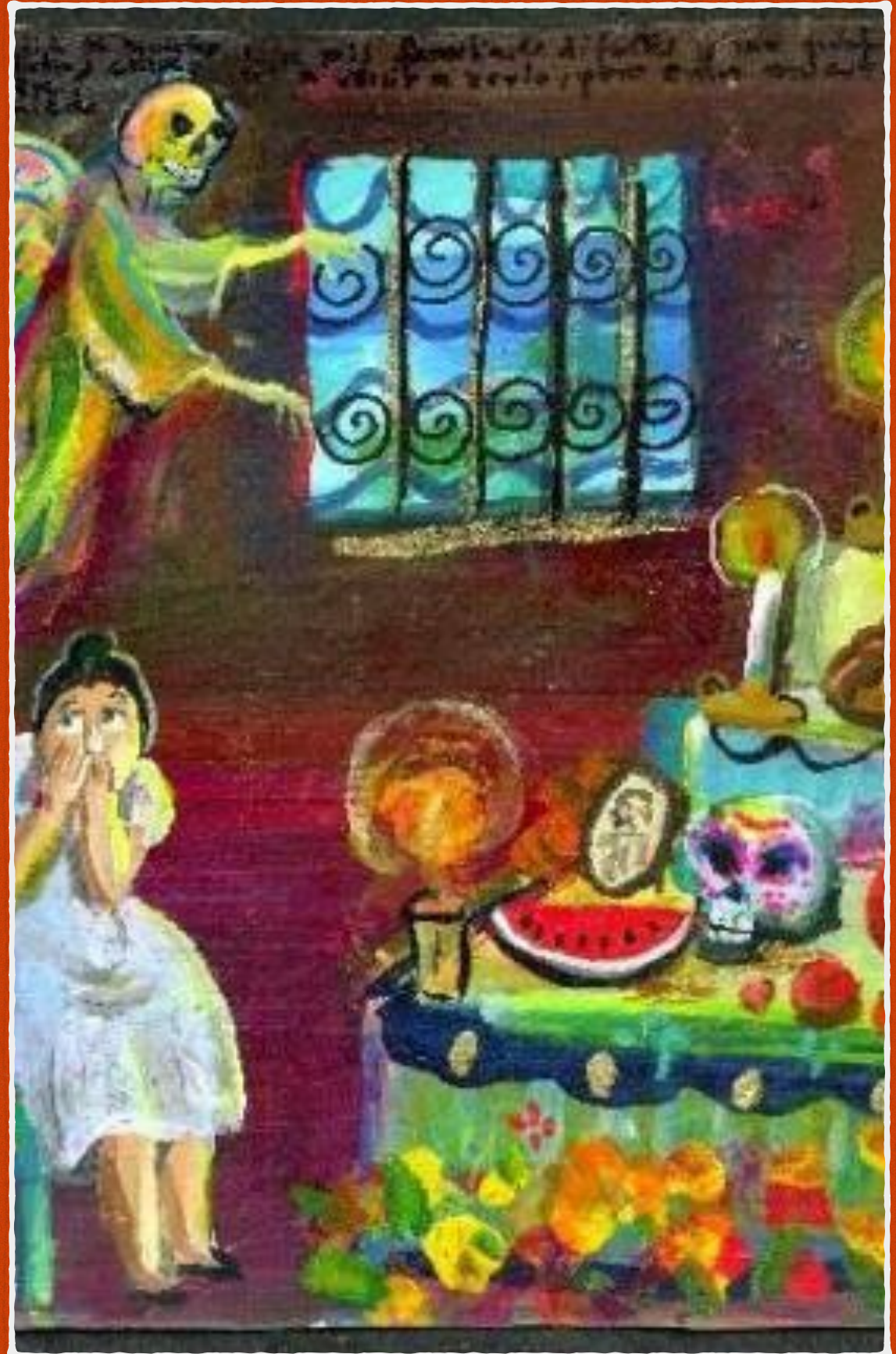
See Resource guide for more materials: Books, unit plans, lesson plans, websites, apps and videos!

- ☐ cultural bias <http://faculty.weber.edu/rwong/edu3200/Eng-RethinkingHolidays.pdf>
- ☐ Awesome!!!!!!! Build an altar online <http://latino.si.edu/dayofthedead/>
- ☐ <http://archive.azcentral.com/ent/dead/altar/>
- ☐ Peabody Museum of Archeology and Ethnology at Harvard <https://peabody.harvard.edu/node/287>

La Ofrenda

La Ofrenda is an offering that is left to honor deceased relatives. It is a cultural practice that prepares a space in the home for the return of the dead.

It is joyous, not sad. It is like decorating a grave for a Memorial Day celebration.





So what makes up a “typical” ofrenda?
Well, what is “typical”?





decorations



- ☐ flowers, flower petals
- ☐ papel picado
- ☐ skeletons, calaveras
- ☐ figurines
- ☐ candles
- ☐ incense



food and drink



- ☐ favorite foods and drinks of deceased
- ☐ moles
- ☐ chocolates
- ☐ water, tejate, mezcal, pulque,
- ☐ dulce
- ☐ pan de muerte



images



- ☐ pictures of deceased
- ☐ religious images
- ☐ icons
- ☐ religious symbols





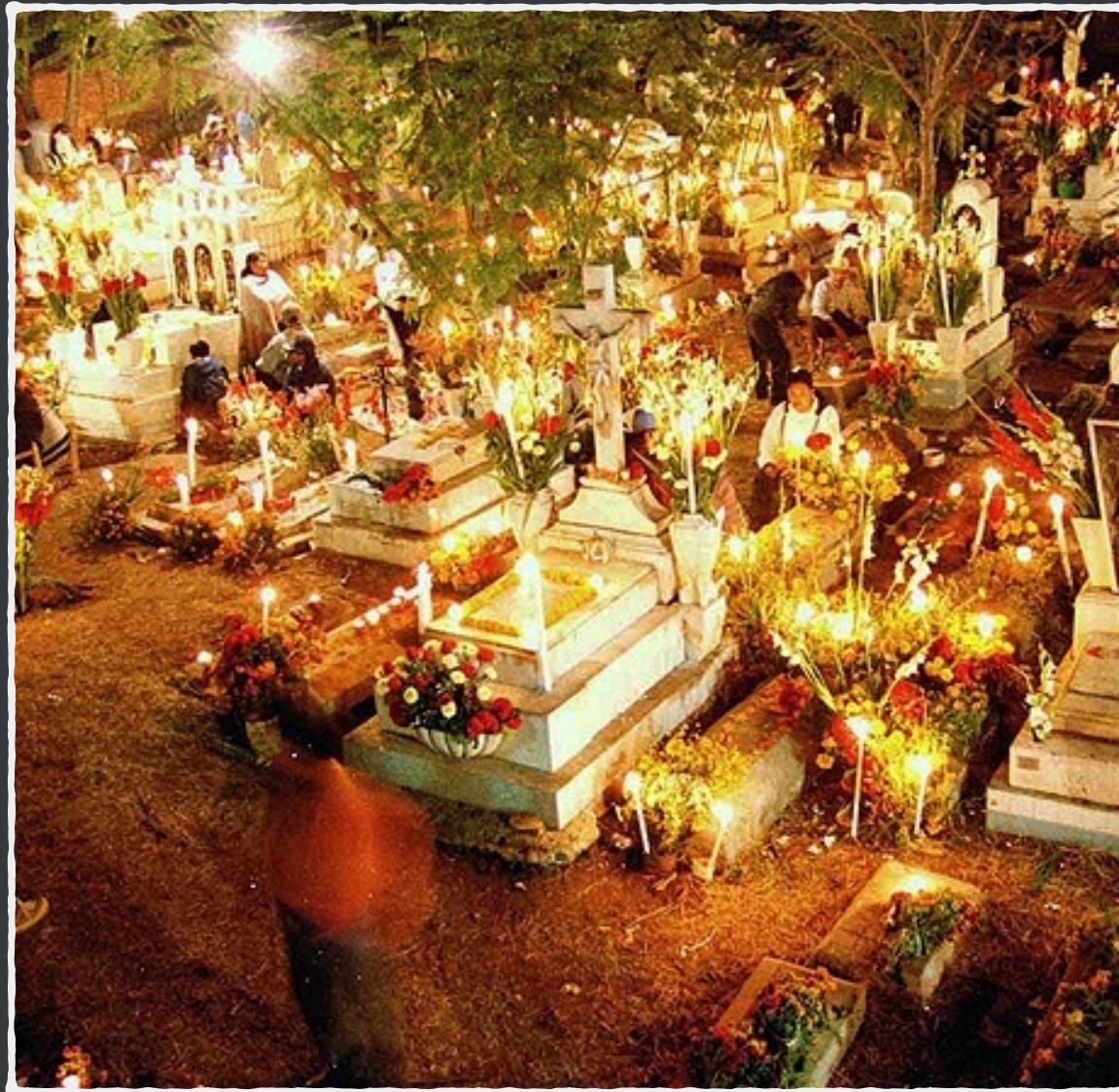




What are the various types of altars/offerings?

- ☐ home
- ☐ cemeteries
- ☐ community altars in public spaces
- ☐ offerings anima sola
- ☐ children santos inocentes

cemetery visits



- Some towns celebrate in the cemetery. They decorate graves and sit vigil in a festive environment.



public altars



- ☐ Just as families make home altars, institutions make public altars. Towns, schools, companies, organizations, often express the unity of their community through a public ofrenda.
- ☐ This altar is for fallen police.

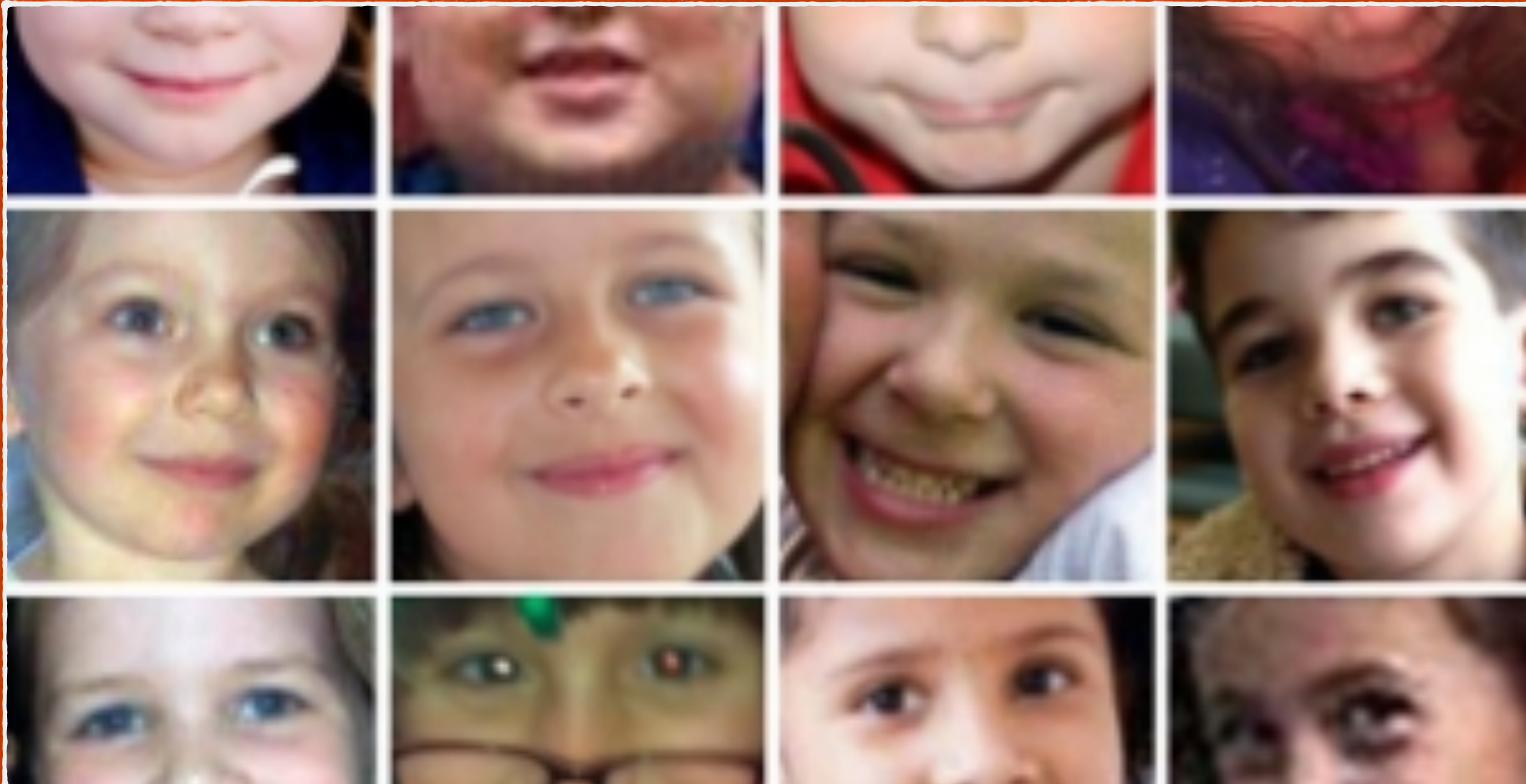


anime sola & the children



- ☐ anime sola = those without family
- ☐ angelitos = children who died young
- ☐ These altars can be public or private.





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