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Chapter 1 : How to Celebrate Mexican Independence Day - It's Mexican Day

Celebrating Mexican Independence. Although September 16, , marked the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence rather than its ultimate achievement, the anniversary of the Grito de.

Visit Website By B. At its zenith, with a population estimated at ,, the civilization is thought to have controlled a large portion of southern Mexico. They developed a calendar and writing system and built cities that functioned as hubs for the surrounding farming towns. The Mayan civilization collapsed in the early 10th century, likely due to overpopulation and the resultant damage to the ecological balance. Historians have determined that the Toltec people appeared in central Mexico near the 10th century and built the city of Tula, home to an estimated 30,, people. Some have speculated that the Toltecs performed human sacrifices to appease the gods. One of their kings, Tezcatlipoca, is said to have ordered mass sacrifices of captured enemy warriors. This triple alliance conquered smaller cultures to the east and west until the Aztec empire spanned Mexico from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf Coast. At their height, the Aztecs ruled 5 million people via a tightly-structured system of self-supporting units called calpulli. Each unit had its own governing council, schools, army, temple and land but paid tribute to the supreme leader of the empire. Influenced by earlier Mexican civilizations, the Aztecs conducted extraordinary religious ceremonies that featured dances, processions and sacrifices. In May , Cortez and his followers attacked and conquered the Aztecs. By , Spain controlled a large portion of the Aztec empire and had enslaved most of the ndigenous population. The missionaries built many monasteries and converted millions of people to Catholicism. Many criollos had become rich and wanted equal political power, which now resided with the peninsulares. Together they drafted a Mexican constitution. He was later defeated by American forces during the Mexican-American War and, by , had gone into exile. The Mexican people, tired of the unbalanced distribution of wealth and power, initiated the Mexican Revolution in The year civil war resulted in at least 2 million casualties. The system benefited both the citizens and the economy. Due to negligible legislative assistance, the poor are generally unable to improve their socio-economic status. The state of Chiapas exemplifies the problems caused by financial imbalance. Although their rebellion was unsuccessful, the Zapatistas continue to fight against imbalanced land ownership and power distribution, with little success. Further complicating the already problematic social division is the ever-growing problem of drug trafficking, which has contributed to political and police corruption and helped widen the gap between the elite and the underprivileged. Despite its problems, the Mexican economy, with its growing industrial base, abundant natural resources and variety of service industries, remains important to Latin America. Today, tourism is a major contributor to the Mexican economy. United Mexican States Capital: The god Huitzilopochtli advised them that a signâ€”an eagle devouring a serpent atop a Nopal cactusâ€”would appear to them at the exact spot where they should begin construction. On a small island in the middle of a lake, the Mexicas came upon the scene exactly as Huitzilopochtli had described it. Mexico is the third-largest country in Latin America after Brazil and Argentina. Mexico has the largest population of Spanish speakers in the world. With almost 25 million residents, Mexico City is one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the world. At nearly 2, miles, the border between Mexico and the United States is the second-longest in the world, after the border between the United States and Canada. Mexicans comprise the largest group of legal immigrants in the United States. The game, which involved elements similar to those of soccer and basketball, was played by two teams whose number varied according to region. Tequila, a liquor for which Mexico is famous, is made from the native blue agave plant. Named after the city where it originated, Tequila is primarily manufactured near Jalisco, which is 65 kilometers 40 miles northwest of Guadalajara. An area called the Silver Beltâ€”which encompasses Guanajuato and Zacatecas in the Mesa Central, Chihuahua in the Mesa del Norte and San Luis Potosi farther eastâ€”saw significant mining activity during the colonial period. The Mexico City Arenaâ€”one of the largest bullfighting arenas in the worldâ€”seats 50, Another 35 arenas are located throughout the country. At its peak,

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around A. Many of the original stone palaces, temples and markets remain throughout the city. The city rose to power in A. Turkeys and parrots were kept in special cages, possibly to supply feathers used for ceremonial and personal adornment. Cuarenta Casas Cuarenta Casas Forty Houses are cliff dwellings located in the state of Chihuahua and discovered by the Spaniards around the 16th century. Despite the name, only about a dozen adobe apartments are carved into the west cliff-side of a dramatic canyon at La Cueva de las Ventanas Cave of the Windows. Originally, the palace housed all three branches of the government. Today, however, only the executive branch resides there. Palacio Nacional was destroyed by fire twice, once in and again in It was reconstructed in and remains largely unchanged today. In the early to mids, Diego Rivera painted a collection of huge murals on the walls of the palace that illustrate the colorful history of Mexico. Construction on the building, which blends Baroque and Neoclassical styles, began in and took three centuries to complete. The cathedral features 14 chapels, five altars and numerous statues, paintings and altarpieces of Christ and the saints. Located on Isla Partida, one of numerous sea islands, is Ensenada Grande beach, which many consider to be the most beautiful beach in Mexico. It continues to spout plumes of gas and ash and is carefully monitored by scientists. Popular Locales Mexico City Mexico City, the second-largest metropolitan area in the world after Tokyo, is home to numerous attractions, including the Palacio Nacional and the Catedral Metropolitana. Acapulco With its golden beaches, tropical jungles and renowned daredevil cliff-divers, Acapulco remains the best-known and most popular resort town in Mexico. Guadalajara Guadalajara, Jalisco , is rich in Mexican culture. The area has become famous for its locally manufactured tequila, mariachi music, sombreros, charreadas rodeos and the Mexican Hat Dance. Culture People Citizens of Mexico highly value their nation, independence and community. Their culture is a composite of influences handed down by countless civilizations. Many rural communities maintain strong allegiances to regions, often referred to as patrias chicas small homelands. The large number of indigenous languages and customs in these regions, especially in the south, naturally accentuate cultural differences. However, the indigenismo ancestral pride movement of the s played a major role in unifying the country and solidifying national pride among the various populations. Family remains among the most important elements in Mexican society, both in private and public life. Many households, in both rural and urban areas, are inhabited by three or more generations due to the economic advantage or necessity of sharing one roof. Mexicans generally establish strong links to family members, including in laws and friends of the family, who are generally thought of as aunts and uncles. The elderly, adults, teenagers and small children commonly attend parties and dances together. Languages The majority of the Mexican population speaks Spanish, the official national language. Religion Catholicism has become the dominant Mexican religion since first being introduced during Spanish colonization in the 16th century. This idea became less prevalent in the between and In fact that era saw a boom in the construction of new churches. Each year, hundreds of thousands of people, many of them peasants, travel from near and far to worship at the shrine. Although this is probably the most important and beloved religious site in Mexico, thousands of other churches, convents, pilgrimage sites and shrines exist throughout the country. During January, the city of Morelia celebrates the fiesta of the Immaculate Conception, and on the 17th of that month, pets and livestock are adorned with flowers and ribbons for the fiesta of San Antonio Abad. This day is set aside to remember and honor the lives of the deceased while celebrating the continuation of life. During this period, families celebrate the spirits of departed loved ones in various ways, including erecting ofrendas small altars in their houses, decorating tombs and eating skull-shaped candies calaveras and sweet breads. It is a time for celebrating ancestors with whom many believe they can communicate during these events and embracing death as natural and inevitable rather than as something to be feared. Widely celebrated patriotic events include Independence Day September 16 and Cinco de Mayo May 5 , which commemorates the Mexican victory over French invaders in Cuisine Mexican cuisine varies greatly by region but depends heavily on an ancient trinity of staples: Another staple, rice, is usually served alongside beans. Mexicans also tend to make liberal use of avocados often in the form of guacamole , chili peppers, amaranth, tomatoes, papayas, potatoes, lentils, plantains and vanilla a flavoring that

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is pre-Columbian in origin. Salt and hot peppers often served in a red or green sauce are the most common condiments; maize tortillas complement most main dishes. Popular dishes vary by region and individual circumstances, but some of the more widely enjoyed foods are tortillas flat bread wraps made from wheat or maize flour , enchiladas, cornmeal tamales cooked within corn husks or banana leaves , burritos, soft-shell tacos, tortas sandwiches of chicken, pork or cheese and vegetables enclosed in a hard roll , stuffed chili peppers and quesadillas tortillas filled with soft cheese and meat. Other favorites are soups and spicy stews such as menudo made from beef tripe and fresh vegetables and pozole stewed hominy and pork. Seafood dishes such as pulpo octopus , chipachole spicy crab soup and ceviche seafood marinated in lime or lemon juice are popular in coastal areas. In Oaxaca and a few other states, fried and spiced chapulines grasshoppers are considered a delicacy. A favorite among the Nahuatl Indians is huitlacoche corn fungus served wrapped in fat-fried quesadillas. Among the preferred desserts are sweet breads, chocolates and dulce de leche caramelized milk , which is also called leche quemada or burned milk. On city sidewalks and streets, little bells announce the approach of paleteros, ambulatory vendors whose small insulated carts are filled with frozen paletas popsicle-like treats made from creams or juices and ice cream. Sugar-battered flautas deep-fried filled corn tortillas are popular with children of all ages. Meals are often washed down with aguas frescas watery sweet drinks, usually roselle flowers , horchata a milky rice-based drink and drinks flavored with watermelon or other fresh fruit. Also popular are licuados fruit shakes or smoothies. During the Christmas holidays and on the Day of the Dead, one of the more popular drinks is atole or atol , a hot combination of corn or rice meal, water, and spices. Several well-known alcoholic beverages made in Mexico are derived from the maguey and agave plants. Maguey-also known as the Century Plant-is used to make pulque, an inexpensive drink. The plant was cultivated by many small farmers because it could thrive on infertile, rocky soil. The drink takes its name from Tequila, Jalisco, where it originated. Another alcoholic drink made from agave is mescal, which is produced primarily in Oaxaca.

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Chapter 2 : The Meaning of Mexican Independence | MIRAc News " September | MIRAC

4. Bell Ringing in the Zócalo: The Zócalo is the best place for Mexico citizens to ring in Mexican Independence Day on the night of September 15th. It is the biggest historical plaza that is filled on 15th September night with people and it is the site of numerous Independence Day traditions.

I believe you are right that the link should be to Morelia. Can someone in the know confirm the date, please? Also, it states that the royalists killed like long kinds civilians, no number given of civilians killed by the rebels. From the text I understand the rebels killed civilians. It would be remarkable if the guerilla war did not have royalists civilians collaborators as victims. There were doubtless many other massacres by both sides, which may not have been recorded because of the localized and even personal nature of many episodes. I give props to wikipedia!!! The text "In January " appears in the text while talking about Mexican independence. This is clearly off by almost years. For example, the section on independence is extremely short, twice rebel armies magically appear without any statement of where they came from, their size, etc. This article is very low start class in my opinion. I would help with grammer and phrasing if necessary, but I am hoping someone out there has mor expertise on this subject than I have and has sources for many of the factual additions that are necessary. You are welcome to help. Thanks, Grsz X I agree about the need for the rewrite. Their is a tremendous amount of analysis in the section about Miguel Hidalgo, and it seems out of place. The facts and dates leave no doubt: He was a charismatic leader and made a good team with the military man Allende despite their mutual hatred. Respective topics will be headlined with the merge box if needed. The two topics are related of course, but I propose that they are distinct enough to merit two articles especially on an on-line encyclopedia like Wikipedia. Besides, the Grito is an event of reference not only to the war of independence but to Mexican politics and national identity, that it would be confusing to subsume it in a general article. For at least these reasons I think the two should not be merged and the Grito article left as a stand-alone article. I think this needs to be stricken as there are no citations or references to its veracity. My understanding from what I am reading on Wiki is that Martin Cortes like others, including Pizarro was unhappy about the New Laws, which were designed to replace the encomienda system. His motives were then not to eliminate the privileges of the conquistadors but to ensure that his inheritance would be protected. This stikes me as inaccurate and inconsistent, however, I am not a scholar on this topic and so leave this to discussion. It will expire on Sept 26th. Likewise, we see dead at Huajuapán de León alone on top of that. Yes, I agree that the Spanish and Royalists had a qualitative advantage for most of the war, that large chunks of the battles were relatively small in comparison to-say- the regular battles of the American Revolution, French Revolution, Napoleonic Wars, Latin American revolutions, etc , and that the Royalists as a result tended to suffer relatively smaller losses. Admin, In the least, this article needs the end of "First phase of the insurgency - the Hidalgo revolt" starting from "The truth about Hidalgo is a little more complex" removed. The content is not only poorly written - it is based on pure opinion, cites nothing, and could be considered offensive. Nobody can make improvements to this article because it is locked. For more background, please see bottom of talk section "Rewrite? Following several discussions in past years , these subpages are now deprecated. The comments may be irrelevant or outdated; if so, please feel free to remove this section. In terms of contribution I am new; and am surprisedd that I cannot edit the Mexican War page. The article needs to have a subsection that deals with the issue of Slavery It is only mentioned in the other sections and needs to be addressed. Historically, we have mythologized and downplayed the origins of Texas and to some degree much of our history. My suggestion is to address the issue frankly with the benefit of our current position in time. There is no shame in reviewing history, there is if we try to ignore it. In the "First phase of the insurgency: Please take a moment to review my edit. If you have any questions, or need the bot to ignore the links, or the page altogether, please visit this simple FaQ for additional information. I made the following changes: As of February , "External links modified" talk page sections are no longer generated or monitored by InternetArchiveBot. No special

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action is required regarding these talk page notices, other than regular verification using the archive tool instructions below. Editors have permission to delete the "External links modified" sections if they want, but see the RfC before doing mass systematic removals. If you have discovered URLs which were erroneously considered dead by the bot, you can report them with this tool. If you found an error with any archives or the URLs themselves, you can fix them with this tool. In "Construction of Historical Memory of Independence" change the spelling of "peeling" to "pealing". It has read "peeling" since this section was created on

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Chapter 3 : History of Mexico - HISTORY

While many in the United States think of Cinco de Mayo, or the 5th of May, as Mexican Independence day, that's not the case. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican army's victory over the French Empire in

It is the day when Mexico is considered as a separate nation on the World Map. No matter you are in Mexico or in some other country, if you are Mexican then you must celebrate this day as this is the perfect time for you to show Mexican culture and national identity to the world. In this article, we will tell you the best and most popular Ways to Celebrate Mexican Independence Day. Ways to Celebrate Mexican Independence Day 1. Listen to Mariachi Music: Mariachi is a musical expression that will take you back to the 18th century in Western Mexico. Mariachi Music can be defined by eight socio-musical elements which include: To enjoy this festival best, a live mariachi group performance is best. Mexican Independence Day Mariachi Music 2. On this special occasion, you will see different people wearing different dresses. Mexican Independence Day Traditional Dresses 3. Learn About the Mexican Flag: It is the year when Mexico gained Independence. The colors have remained the same, but their placement and the crest in the center of the flag has changed over time. Mexican Independence Day Flag 4. It is the biggest historical plaza that is filled on 15th September night with people and it is the site of numerous Independence Day traditions. Here people ring the bells and show the honor for the country. Now President takes the responsibility to ring the bell in that plaza when the plaza gets full of people. Eat a Chile en Nogada: Why to eat Chile en Nogada??? Let me tell you the history of this dish. The lyrics tell the victory of the leaders and freedom fighters of Mexico in the battle against Spain. Come on, everybody now: This event is known as El Grito De Dolores. I hope you like all of the above ways and will definitely try them all on 15th and 16th September I wish every Mexican citizen Happy Independence Day!!!

Chapter 4 : Get Ready to Shout VIVA MEXICO at Mexico's Most Important Holiday Celebration - InMe

New Mexico past and future. New Mexico settled --Rebellion and resettlement --The day of the wedding: Mexican independence and the beginning of a new identity.

Chapter 5 : Talk:Mexican War of Independence - Wikipedia

The day Hidalgo issued the Grito de Dolores, September 16, , marked the beginning of Mexico's struggle for independence. Its anniversary has been a day of celebration.

Chapter 6 : Struggle for Mexican Independence - HISTORY

Iturbide transformed Mexican independence into a conservative endeavor, and he was the first and only emperor of Mexico. By his empire had been replaced by a new democratic republic.

Chapter 7 : 16 de septiembre festivity to celebrate Mexican history and culture " The Prospector

Although Mexico did not gain their independence from Spain until Sept. 27, , 16 de septiembre is celebrated as their independence day. "This year we celebrate the th anniversary of Mexico's Independence from Spain," Barrio said.

Chapter 8 : Celebrate Mexican Independence in Puerto Vallarta

The year marked the centennial (El Centenario) of the Mexican Revolution, an uprising that took place roughly between

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and , recognized as the first major political, social, and cultural revolution of the 20th century.

Chapter 9 : Consider thisâ€”Mexican Independence Day, September 16th

a 29, square-mile region of present-day southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico that was purchased by the United States in a treaty signed by James Gadsden, the American ambassador to Mexico at the time, on December 30,