

Embracing Cultural Diversity: Mexico

A Cross-Curricular Lesson Plan

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FAST FACTS: Mexico

Full Name: *United Mexican States (Estados Unidos Mexicanos)*

Capital City: *Mexico City*

Currency: *Mexican peso*

Location

Mexico is located at the southern part of North America. Covering nearly 760,000 square miles, Mexico shares a northern border with the United States and a southeastern border with Guatemala and Belize in South America. To the west of Mexico lies the Pacific Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea run along much of the country's eastern coastline.
























The People

Throughout history, many groups of Native Americans have lived on the land we now call Mexico. Descendants of many of these groups, including the Aztecs, Mayans, and Toltecs, continue to live in Mexico today. But *mestizos*, or people of European and Native American ancestry, make up the largest part of the Mexican population. Today, more than 100 million people of all backgrounds live in Mexico.
















Spanish is the official language of Mexico, but nearly 100 native languages are also spoken. Mayan and Nahuatl (noo-WAHT-uhl) are both languages commonly heard in different parts of the country.

Mathematics... Mayan-Style!











The Mayan system of writing numbers used dots, bars, and a symbol that looks like a shell. A Mayan numbering chart is listed below. Use this chart to solve the various math problems. Be sure to write your answers in Mayan numerals!

 = 0	 = 5	 = 10	 = 14	 = 18
 = 1	 = 6	 = 11	 = 15	 = 19
 = 2	 = 7	 = 12	 = 16	 = 20
 = 3	 = 8	 = 13	 = 17	
 = 4	 = 9			














Addition

 +  +  = _____
 +  +  = _____
 + _____ +  = 
 _____ +  +  = 
 +  + _____ = 











Multiplication

 x  = _____
 x  = _____
 x _____ = 
 _____ x  = 
 x _____ = 

Subtraction

 -  = _____
 -  -  = _____
 _____ -  -  = _____
 -  - _____ = 
 - _____ -  = 

Division

 ÷  = _____
 ÷  = _____
 ÷ _____ = 
 _____ ÷  = 
 ÷ _____ = 



Queso
Cheese



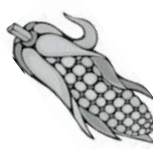
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Bread



Frijoles
Beans



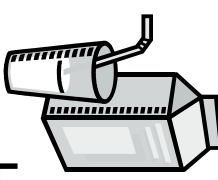
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Maiz
Corn



Pescado
Fish



Leche
Milk



Café
Coffee



Tomate
Tomato



Arroz
Rice



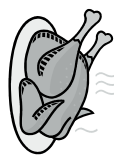
Plátano
Plantain



Calabacita
Squash



Papa
Potato



Pollo
Chicken



Aguacate
Avocado



Chocolate
Chocolate

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