

# FALL FESTIVALS

## Dia de los Muertos | Sugar Skull | Requirements

### DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Celebrated in Mexico, it is a day of honoring their deceased loved ones. It was believed that people would be reunited with their deceased families as the gates of heaven would open on October 31

### SUGAR SKULL

Clay molded figures (with sugar skulls on them) representing a departed soul with their name written on the forehead was places on gravestone to honor their return.

### ALL SAINT'S DAY

This takes place on November 1st and 2nd. There are special Masses, cleaning the cemetery tombs, and festive parties

### REQUIREMENTS

- 6-8 inches
- Must be functional
- Must have an expression
- Stem & leaves for handle
- Detail carving



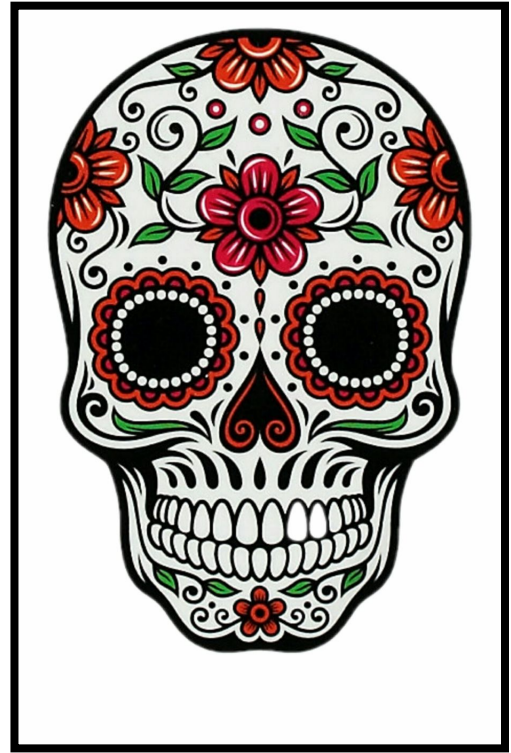
### SAMHAIN.....HALLOWEEN

Since the 19th century, carving vegetables to act as lanterns with grotesque faces were used on Halloween throughout Ireland and Scotland. Halloween was also the Samhain festival where the souls of those who have passed away would come back and walk the earth. The Jack-O-Lanterns were used to ward off evil spirits. Sometimes they were. Sometimes they were used to scare people or to keep evil spirits to come into someone's home.



### STANDARDS

- 2.1 Create original works of art of increasing complexity and skill that reflects their feeling/point of view
- 3.0 Understanding the historical contributions and cultural dimensions of the visual arts
- SL5 Strategic use of media in presentation to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, evidence
- WHST2 Write Infomative text, including the narration of historical events or technical processes.



## SUGAR SKULL MEANING

If you take a closer look at the typical sugar skull you will notice it has most details around the eyes. Flowers are meant to **symbolize life**, while cob webs **symbolize death**. Burning candles set inside the eyes are a sign of remembrance. These items can also be used in combination to personalize the main focus of the skull as well. As you might realize Sugar Skulls presents death in a fairly positive manner. Smaller skull's represent children who passed away and larger and more detailed ones represent the adults.