

Mexico



Mexico is located in the southwest portion of North America. It is bordered by the U.S., Guatemala, Belize, the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

About 120 million people live in Mexico.

Mexico City is the largest and most populated city in Mexico.

The **Mexican Peso** is the official unit of currency in Mexico.

1 peso
=
\$.05 USD



Spanish is the main language spoken in Mexico but there are about 68 additional regional languages such as Mixtec and Nahuatl.

Say thank you: "Gracious"

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Museo Subacuático de Arte



Landmarks

Mexico has beautiful beaches, caves, ancient ruins, and underwater museums.



Culture

Mexican culture reflects the complexity of the country's history through the blending of many cultures.



Churros

Food

Mexican cuisine is known for its intense and varied flavors, colorful decoration, and variety of spices. Most of today's Mexican food is based on pre-Columbian traditions, including Aztec and Maya, combined with culinary trends introduced by Spanish colonists.



Burrito



Nachos

Climate

The Tropic of Cancer divides the country into temperate and tropical zones. Land in the north experiences cooler temperatures during the winter months, and land in the south has temperatures that are fairly constant year round. This gives Mexico one of the world's most diverse weather systems.



Maracas



Religion

83% are Roman Catholic.

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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that celebrates Mexico's victory over France in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. In Mexico, it is celebrated with military parades. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage.



Monarch Migration

Each year, about 1 billion monarch butterflies migrate and make the journey from Canada to the forests of western Mexico. The trip is more than 2,500 miles!



Day of the Dead

Dia de Muertos is a grand festival that Mexicans celebrate every November. Colorful sugar skulls decorate tombstones and houses, and people stay in graveyards celebrating all night long.



Did you know?

The massive asteroid that triggered the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago, landed in Mexico at the Yucatan Peninsula.

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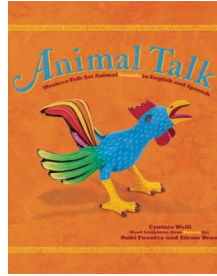
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Book List

Animal Talk

by Cynthia Weill

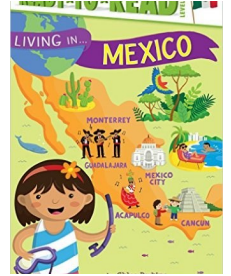
Mexican folk art, animal sounds in English and Spanish.



Living in Mexico

by Chloe Perkins

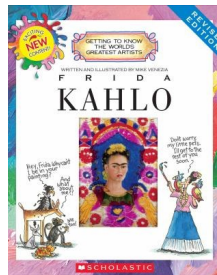
Have you ever wondered what living in Mexico is like? Come along with me to find out!



Frida Kahlo

by Mike Venezia

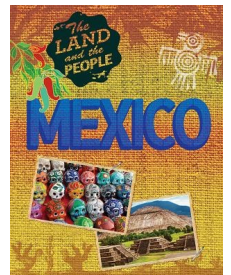
Reproductions of Frida Kahlo's actual works, give children a light overview of Leonardo DaVinci's life.



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by Cath Sinker

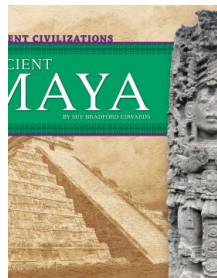
An overview of Mexico's geography, culture, people, government, and daily life.



Ancient Maya

by Sue Bradford Edwards

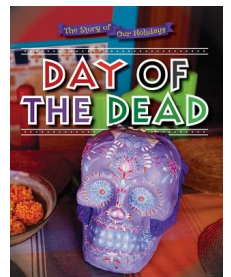
Discover the history of the Maya people, including their massive stone cities.



Day of the Dead

by Joanna Ponto

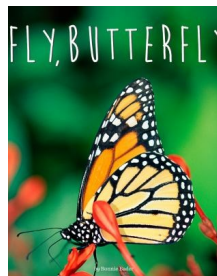
Readers will learn the meaning behind the holiday as well as the costumes, decorations, and food.



Fly, Butterfly

by Bonnie Bader

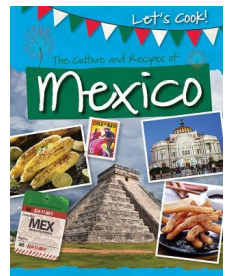
Did you know that every year 1000's of monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico for the winter?



Let's Cook! Mexico

by Tracy Kelly

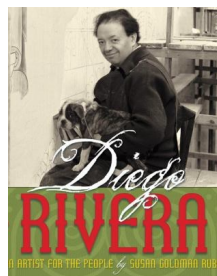
Dive into some delicious, authentic food, including tamales, guacamole, and even kid-friendly piña coladas



Diego Rivera: Artist for the People

by Susan Goldman Rubin

His work called attention to the culture and struggles of the Mexican working class.



The Cultural and Crafts of Mexico

by Miriam Coleman

Easy-to-do crafts engage readers with social studies information about Mexico.

