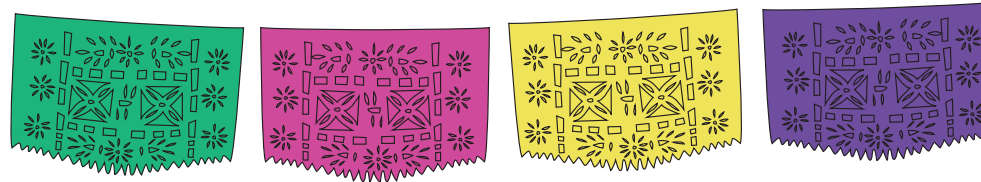


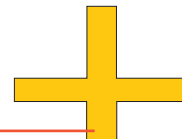


OFRENDAS: CELEBRATIONS OF OUR LOVED ONES

Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a joyful celebration of the lives of our loved ones who have passed away. Many people in Mexico and beyond construct *ofrendas* (altars) to honor them for Day of the Dead. Below is a diagram of a traditional altar with the many types of objects and symbols you might find.



A cross representing North, South, East, and West to help guide the spirits home.



Candles light the way for traveling spirits.

Photo of loved one.



Pan de muerto (bread) reflects on the cycle of life and death.

Favorite food and drinks to nourish the spirits.

Heaven

Water to satisfy their thirst.

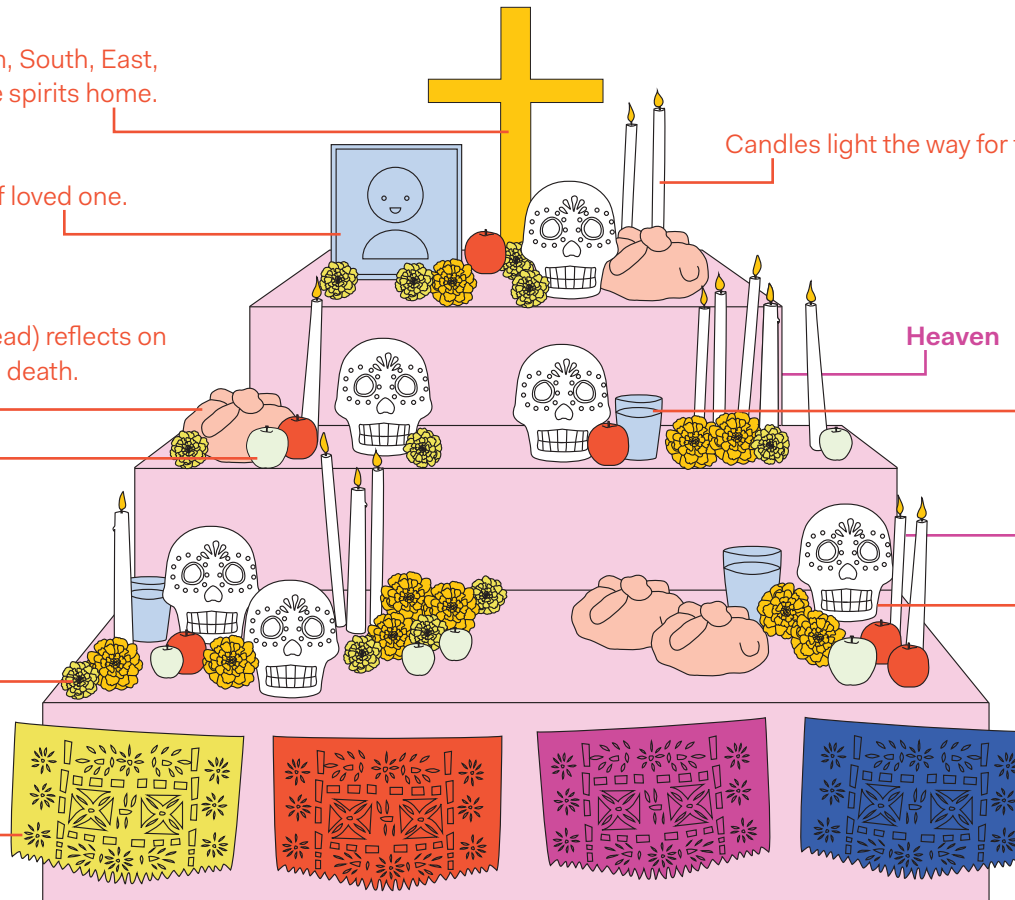
Flores de cempasúchil (marigold flowers) whose scent attracts the spirits to the altar.

Earth

Sugar skulls celebrate the sweetness of life.

Papel picado (traditional paper banners) may adorn the altar and represent the union between life and death.

Underworld





CREATE AN OFRENDA

Draw and decorate an *ofrenda* using the space below. What food and personal items would you leave on the *ofrenda*? Does your family have similar traditions at home? Include as many items as you would like on the *ofrenda*.

