

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Overview

Maskmaking can be incorporated into a unit on Día de los Muertos. Students could decorate masks in the same manner that they would decorate a sugar skull. In fact, the same frosting (cement-like Royal frosting) could be used to decorate a paper, plastic or papier mâché masks. They could also create masks to represent the Calavera or Katrina images so prevalent in Día de los Muertos art. A papier mache or paper bag mask could work quite well here. For those teachers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Marigold Parade is an excellent opportunity to connect classroom studies with community cultural events. Students could create masks that they could then wear to the Marigold Parade.