

Ofrenda: Offerings placed on a home altar during the annual Día de Muertos celebration.

Quinceañera: A 15th birthday celebration & rite of passage signifying a girl's journey from childhood to adulthood.

Mesoamerican civilization: The varied indigenous cultures that developed in Mexico & Central America before Spanish exploration & conquest. These include Maya, Zapotec, Totonac, Teotihuacán, Mexica (aka Aztecs), & Olmec, Mexico's first major civilization.

Mestizo: A term used to describe citizens of Mexico who share a mixture of European & Amerindian heritage.



1910-1920: Mexican Revolution & establishment of the Mexican Constitution 2000:
End of Mexico's
one-party rule by the
Institutional
Revolutionary Party

1517-1521: European conquistadors arrive

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December 17, 1992:
Adoption of the
North American
Free Trade
Agreement (NAFTA)

2008:
US & Mexico's
Merida Initiative to
work cooperatively
against drug
cartels & crime

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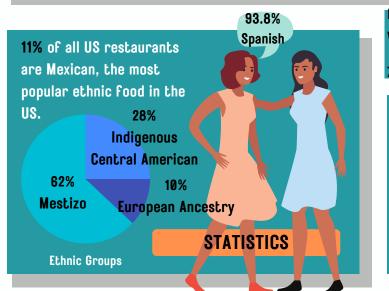
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Listen to traditional Mexican music genres: banda, mariachi, norteño, & ranchera.

Enjoy authentic Mexican food at a local restaurant.

Celebrate a Mexican national holiday.

Commit to celebrating Mexican culture each week.



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78% of Mexicans identify as Catholic

70% or mexically identify as callionic	
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