

Cultural Paper Sample content & layout

Title - Christmas in Mexico

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Introduction

Thesis (Purpose Statement): The purpose of this paper is to define what Christmas is, explain how it is celebrated in some parts of Mexico, and describe some typical Christmas foods associated with it.

Body

Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence: Studying the definition of the word "Christmas" can help us understand the background behind this holiday.

Supporting Sentences

1. Christmas, coming from Old English Cristes maesse or "Christ's mass," is a celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ.
2. Celebrations of the winter solstice in the Northern hemisphere have been a time of rejoicing among many ancient cultures.
3. The reason for celebrating Christmas on December 25th is still unclear.

Paragraph 2

Topic Sentence: Cultural traditions have had an influence on the Christmas celebrations of today in Mexico.

Supporting Sentences

1. The celebration of the winter solstice in Mexico even preceded the arrival of the Spanish who brought Christianity with them.
2. One of the oldest traditional events in Mexico, *Las Posadas* (meaning "lodgings").
3. Other non-religious activities are also held during that season including parades and piñatas.

Paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: In addition to Christmas activities, many food dishes are served during this period.

Supporting Sentences

1. Perhaps the most popular of all Christmas foods in Mexico are tamales.
2. Other pastries are also eaten as well.

Conclusion

As you can see from my paper, Christmas is an important in the lives of the Mexican people.

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ancient cultures. The reason for celebrating Christmas on December 25th is still unclear.

Cultural traditions have had an influence on the Christmas celebrations of today in Mexico. The celebration of the winter solstice in Mexico even preceded the arrival of the Spanish who brought Christianity with them. One of the oldest traditional events in Mexico, *Las Posadas* (meaning "lodgings"). Other non-religious activities are also held during that season including parades and piñatas.

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