

The Day of the Dead

Altar and Offerings
(ofrendas)

What is an Ofrenda and what do people use it for?

- Ofrendas are setup to remember to honor their ancestors
- People thoroughly clean their houses, before setting an altar
- Ofrendas are set on tables, covered with with a tablecloth, preferably cOvered with white cloth



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A photograph of a Day of the Dead altar. In the center is a large, white sugar skull decorated with colorful patterns and flowers. To the left, there is a vase of orange and yellow flowers. In front of the skull are two round loaves of bread. To the right, there are three lit candles in black holders. The background is a dark, textured wall with colorful paper decorations.

WHAT WE WOULD GIVE

- Hard candy
- Flowers
- Crosses
- Pictures
- Rose scented candles
- Angel statue
- Soft candy

FACTS ABOUT OFFERINGS

Very few offerings left at the altars for the dead usually don't make sense.

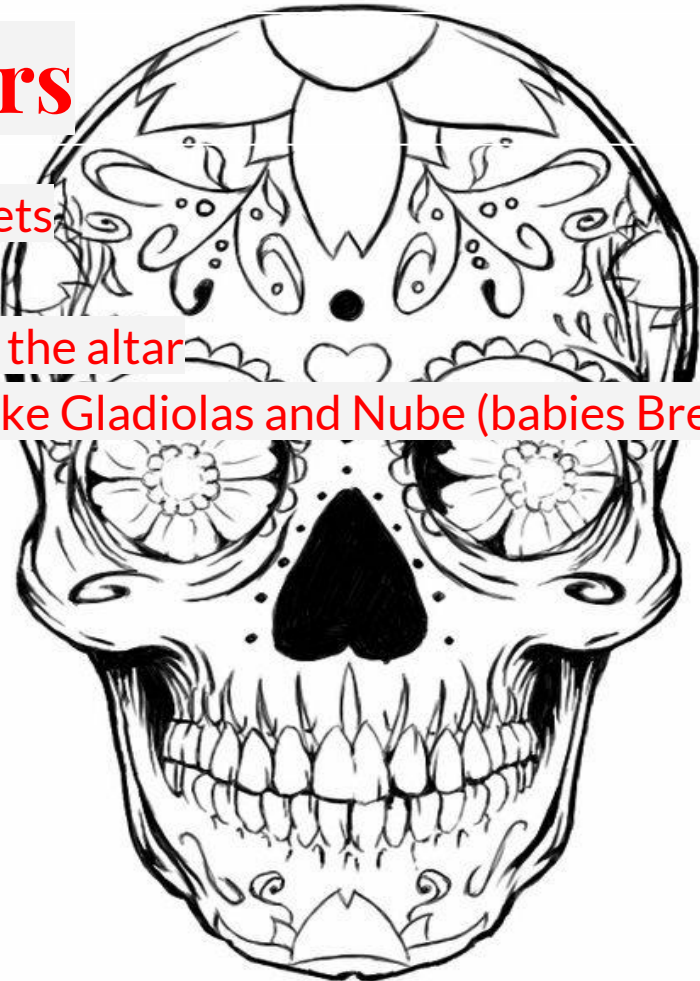
Razors and soaps at a grave which were meant for traveling souls.

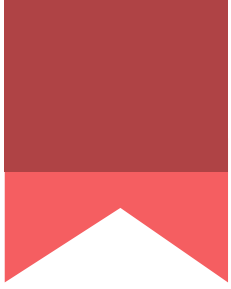
Sugar Skulls, which represent the dead are believed to absorb the souls of the dead

Other offerings include pan de muerto (Bread of the dead) and the deceased's favorite foods, as well as toys for children, pumpkins and alcohol.

The objects on the Altars

- Children's souls are honored with sweets
- Cigarettes and alcohol are for adults
- Pictures of the deceased are placed on the altar
- Certain flowers are also placed there like Gladiolas and Nube (babies Breath)





Important items of the Day of the Dead

- The Sugar Skull- The sugar skull is a fun creation for kids make and keep at the day of the dead celebration
- Fruit - Nisperos (or loquats) are a fruit that originated in Asia but have become popular in Mexico
- Marigolds -