



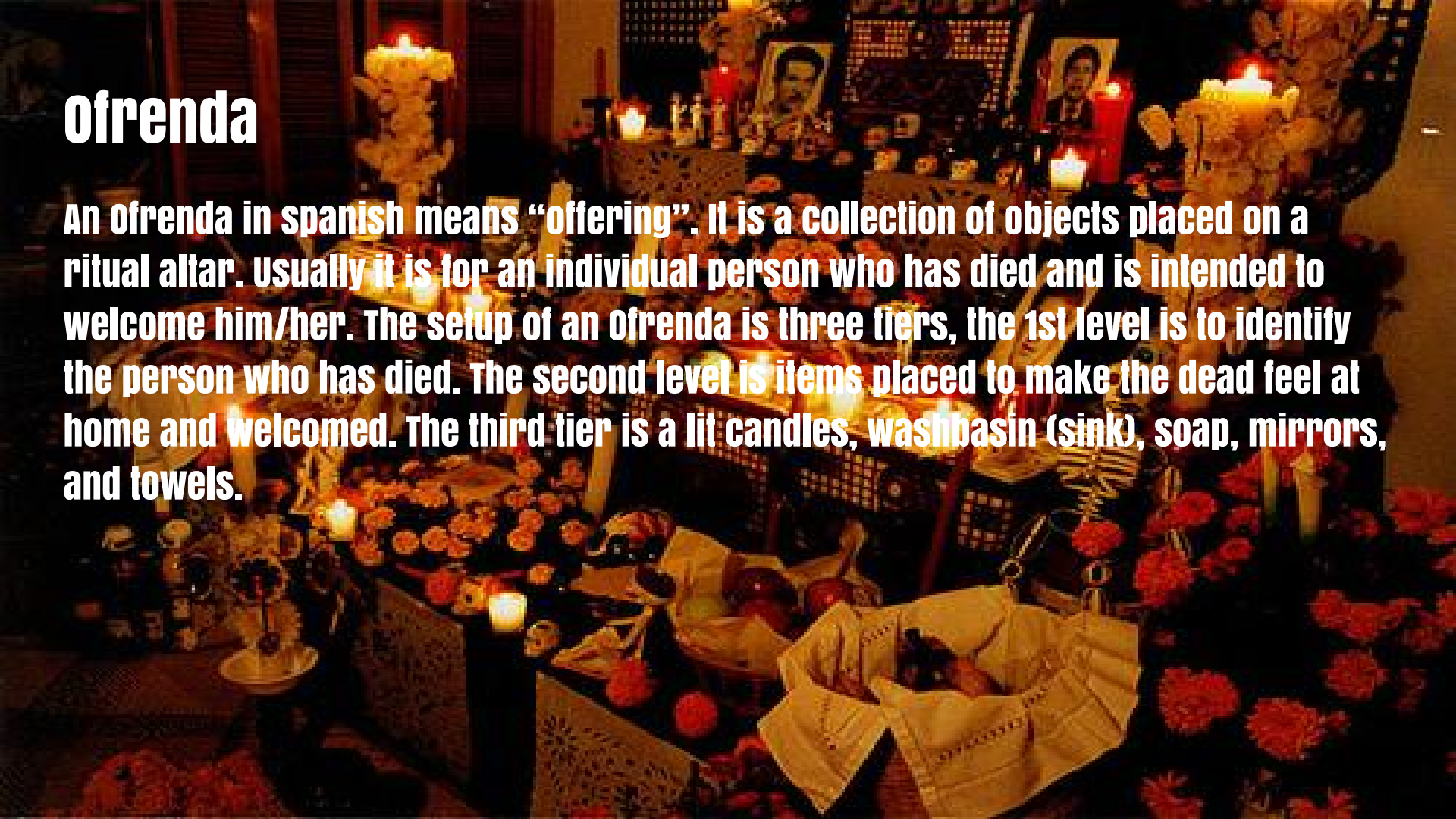
# ***Altar And Offerings***

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# Ofrenda

An ofrenda in Spanish means “offering”. It is a collection of objects placed on a ritual altar. Usually it is for an individual person who has died and is intended to welcome him/her. The setup of an ofrenda is three tiers, the 1st level is to identify the person who has died. The second level is items placed to make the dead feel at home and welcomed. The third tier is a lit candles, washbasin (sink), soap, mirrors, and towels.



## **Cempasuchil (traditional flower)**

- **Non-Spanish name is Marigold**
- **The yellowness in the flower resembles death**
- **They get sprinkled around the altars and on the graves**



# Pan de Muertos

- Day of the dead bread
- A sweet bread
- Spiced with ground anise and brushed with an orange glaze
- Traditional baked on November 1st and 2nd
- Shaped like a bun
- Decorated with bone shaped dough shapes



# **candles**

A large number of lit candles in glass holders, arranged in rows, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The candles are lit, and their flames are visible, casting a soft, golden light. The background is dark, making the light from the candles stand out. The candles are arranged in a way that suggests a large gathering or a significant event.

**candles show their way to the altar and back to the dead world. They symbolize the light, hope and faith. The number of candles in the altar depends on the location tradition, in some regions a candle is set for each honored soul.**

# candy skulls

sugar or chocolate seed skulls represent the death and its every moment presence. sugar art was brought to the New World by Italian missionaries in the 17th century. The first church mention of sugar art was from Palermo at Easter time when little sugar lambs and angels were made to adorn the side altars in the Catholic church.





# What would we put on an Ofrenda?

- Pictures
- Flowers
- An Arch
- Chiseled paper
- Day of the Dead bread
- candy skulls
- Candies
- Food
- Spirited Drinks
- Candles
- Religious Elements



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