

Dia De Los Muertos



How Countries Honor Their Dead

- Many different ways/cultures
- Latin America
 - Catholic All Soul's Day
- Usually around Halloween
- Europe, Asia, Africa



Mexico

- November 1,2
- Gates of Heaven open - midnight - October 31
- Ancestors come back, celebrate
- Traditions
 - Decorate Altars
 - Festivities



Countries That Honor Their Dead

- 4 different continents:
 - North/South America, Caribbean, Central America
- Malaysia - Ari Muyang
 - Offer gifts/blessings for ancestors
 - Pray for safety in future
 - Date different every year
 - Tribe host - Mah Meri (18)



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- China - Hungry Ghost Festival
 - Lasts whole month
 - Lunar Calendar - spirits roam
 - Ghosts appear - offer them stuff
- Hindu World - Pitru Paksha
 - Bath in sacred places
 - Offer to ancestors
 - Prepare dinner for their return
- Japan - Obon
 - Buddhist Holiday - Celebrated - 500 years
 - Families gather - release lanterns - spirits
 - Traditional Dance



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