

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Cinco de Mayo**



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Cinco de Mayo, which means May 5<sup>th</sup> in Spanish, marks the anniversary of Mexico's most famous military victory, which took place on the morning of May 5th, 1862. French, Spanish, and English troops landed in Mexico to collect debts from President Benito Juarez. While the English and the Spanish finished their business and left, the French wanted to take over the Mexican empire. The French attacked the village of Puebla. Although outnumbered, 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated the French soldiers and forced them to retreat. In doing so, they showed the world their willingness and ability to fight for their country and their freedom.

1. What does Cinco de Mayo mean in Spanish?  
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2. Cinco de Mayo marks the anniversary of Mexico's most famous  
\_\_\_\_\_ victory.
3. Which country did Mexico defeat in 1862? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was significant about this battle?  
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