

## Glossary for Día de los muertos

el Día de los muertos	the Day of the Dead
las calacas	the skeletons
la calavera de azúcar	the skull of sugar
los ataúdes de azúcar	the coffins of sugar
las calaveras - poemas	the skull poems
el cementerio	the cemetery
el panteón familiar	the family vault
las tumbas	the vault or tomb
las flores	the flowers
las flores tradicionales	the traditional flowers
la cempasúchitl (cempasuchil or zempasuchitl)	a yellow marigold, the symbol of death
el aliento de niño	the baby's breath
el cresto de gallo	the rooster's crest
la ofrenda (altar de muertos)	the altar in memory of the last family member to die and/or the items placed on the altar
el pan de muerto	bread of the dead
el papel picado	colorful tissue paper cut in designs of Día de los muertos
Posada drew	famed Día de los muertos artist José Guadalupe Posada who Catrina
las velas	the candles
la vigilia	the nightwatch in the cemetery
los angelitos	the souls of the children who have died, literally "little angels"
la careta	the mask worn by dancers to scare the dead away at the end of the celebrations
el copal	a scented resin used to make incense
el Día de todos los santos	All Saints' Day
el mole	a thick sauce made from a variety of ingredients including chilis, sesame seeds, herbs, spices, chocolate/fruit