cemetery. Families gather around the graves with food and music. They spend the night eating and dancing. People dress up as skeletons. They paint their faces to look like skulls. Often they wear shells or other

Detail 3

Conclusion

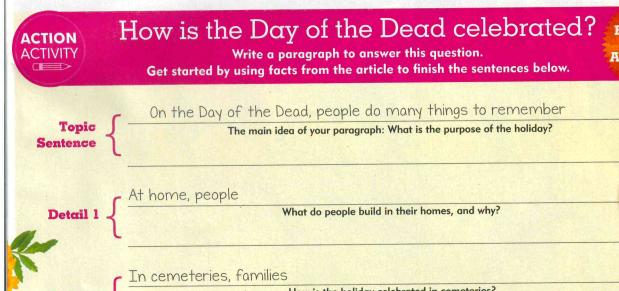
noisemakers to wake up the dead.

At school, students write short, humorous poems called calaveritas. The poems are meant to tease friends and family by imagining funny ways they might die.

In recent years, the Day of the Dead has



made it to the United States. Major celebrations happen in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Antonio, and other cities. That means you might meet a few skeletons on the street this November. If you do, don't be scared. They're just welcoming back the dead.



How is the holiday celebrated in cemeteries? At school, students write calaveritas, which are What are calaveritas? What is their purpose?

The holiday might sound scary, but it's really a reminder that

What important idea about death do people keep in mind on this holiday?

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