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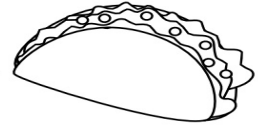
# THE HISTORY OF CINCO DE MAYO

Read the short passage and answer the questions.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Battle of Puebla.

In 1862, Mexico was fighting against France.

The Mexican army was smaller and had fewer supplies, but they fought bravely and won the battle.



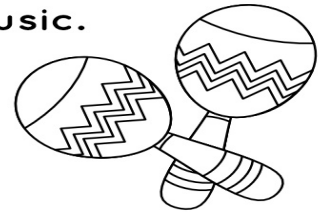
Even though the war continued, this victory became an important symbol of strength and courage.

Today, the holiday is celebrated more in the United States than in Mexico, with festivals, food, and music.



## Questions:

1. What battle does Cinco de Mayo celebrate?



2. Which two countries were involved?

3. Why was the victory surprising?

4. What does the victory symbolize?

5. Where is Cinco de Mayo widely celebrated today?