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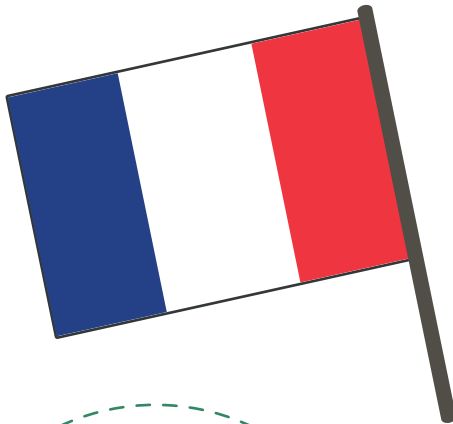
Cinco de Mayo isn't Mexican Independence Day.



Mexican Independence Day is actually celebrated on September 16th.



It commemorates the Mexican victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.



The French invaded Mexico pursuing money and land rights as payment for their loans.

Cinco de Mayo isn't a Federal holiday in Mexico. In fact, most of the celebration happen only around Puebla, where the battle happened.



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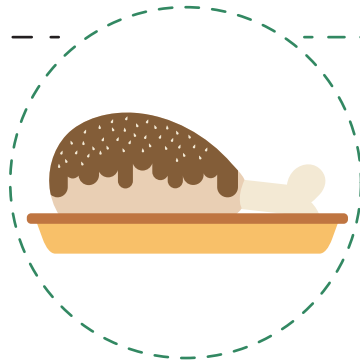
Cinco de Mayo was popularized in the United States in the mid-1900s thanks to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor Policy."



The holiday is more celebrated in the United States than in Mexico.



Cinco de Mayo is one of more than 365 festivals celebrated by people of Mexican descent in America.



There's an official dish of Cinco de Mayo, and it's called Mole Poblano: a dark red-brownsauce usually served with chicken. Yummy!

Around 70 million pounds of avocados are eaten on Cinco de Mayo in the US.

