

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, by means of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, invites all children around the world between 7 and 11 years old, to participate in the

16th Children Drawing Contest

“THIS IS MY MEXICO”

The theme of the contest in 2012 is “5 de Mayo, 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla” in commemoration of the struggle that took place in 1862 when Mexico, as a country under construction, was invaded by French troops, one of the most powerful armies of that time.

In an epic battle, General Ignacio Zaragoza commanded the Mexican army to confront the French army in the outskirts of the city of Puebla. In that State, the young General defended the country and forced the French army to retreat, resulting in many casualties.

That heroic deed is considered a significant national triumph. Since then, May 5th has become a memorable date for the assertion of a Mexican identity.

With this theme so important to Mexicans, we invite all children to imagine that heroic victory in the battlefield, and to translate their idea into a drawing.

Research, build the adventure in your mind and get to work!

Look for information at the Mexican Embassy or Consulate nearest to your home.



Guidelines

Read carefully

1. You can participate if you are between 7 and 11 years old.
2. Draw or paint on a square cardboard or paper (30x30cm/12x22") with brushes, pencils, acrylics, crayons, or any other material that you like.
3. The theme of your work must be "5 de Mayo; 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla".
4. Fill the attached form and paste it on the back of your painting. Don't forget to fill all the blanks, or you may be disqualified from the competition.
5. Send your drawing or painting directly or by means of your school to the Mexican Embassy or Consulate nearest to your home starting January 16th until March 9th, 2012.
6. A jury made up by specialists in children plastic arts, will choose the 15 best drawings.
7. The name of the winners will be announced on April 20th 2012, through your Embassy or Consulate, and will be posted on the websites www.ime.gob.mx and www.redesmexico.mx
8. You can choose your prize among the following: a computer, a digital camera or a drawing set and school materials. Your prize should not exceed 1,500 USD.
9. All participants will receive a diploma, and even if your drawing does not win a prize, your work can be chosen to be part of an exhibit



which will travel around the world or else, to illustrate the 2013 calendar.

10. Drawings which are copied, traced or receive adult assistance will not be accepted in the contest. Drawings left unfinished, that do not have all the information required, or those which do not follow all the rules will also be excluded from the contest.
11. The copyrights of the drawings will be given to the Special Fund Board to support the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, which will use them for promotional purposes.
12. Any other issue not considered in this announcement will be solved by the Institute for Mexicans Abroad.



Registration

MY NAME IS:

LAST NAME _____ MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME _____

NAME(S) _____ GENDER _____ AGE _____ YEARS

I LIVE AT:

STREET AND # _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

HOME TELEPHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

I WAS BORN IN:

CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY

MY SCHOOL'S NAME IS:

STREET AND # _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

MY FATHER WAS BORN IN: CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY

MY MOTHER WAS BORN IN:

CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF MY PAINTING/DRAWING:

