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# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

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# Key Words

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- **El Alfeñique** - the special cooked sugar paste used to form skulls, flowers and other figures for the Día de los Muertos.
- **Ofrendas** - Altars to the dead
- **Las Calacas** - the skeletal figures that represent death
- **La Calavera** - the skull
- **La Iluminación** - the illumination (the ceremony in the cemetery, during which hundreds of lit candles are thought to guide the deceased souls to their altars)
- **La Noche de Duelo** -the night of sorrow (November 1)



# What is Day of the Dead?

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Respectful  
Beautiful  
Expensive



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# A Holiday

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- Día de los muertos is a Mexican holiday that has been observed for many years
- The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey.



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# Origins

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Ancient  
Historical  
Cultural



# History

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- Day of the Dead is celebrated every November 1st and 2nd
- In 2008 the tradition was inscribed in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.
- People have been celebrating for at least 3,000 years.
- Was first celebrated in the Aztec empire





# Beliefs

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Family  
Ghosts  
Death



# Culture

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- People believe that you help dead family and friends by praying, they also go to cemeteries to connect with the souls of these dead relatives.
- Families build shrines featuring things such as Christian crosses, or pictures of the deceased person.
- In parts of the country, children dress up in costumes, going around asking calaverita. This is a gift of candy or money that is given door-to-door.





# Observance

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Latin America  
Europe  
United States



# Where?

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- The Day of the Dead celebration is celebrated all throughout Latin America. However, the festival is most commonly associated with Mexico.
- However Day of the Dead is also largely celebrated in many areas of the United States of America and many countries in Europe





# Activities

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Altars  
Celebrations  
Costumes



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# Recreations

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- The people who celebrate this holiday perform multiple activities, including:
  - Traditional Mexican Folkloric Dance.
  - Arts and Crafts, like the "ofrendas," altars are made to honor the dead.
  - Satirical Poems, called Calaveras or Skulls, are read.







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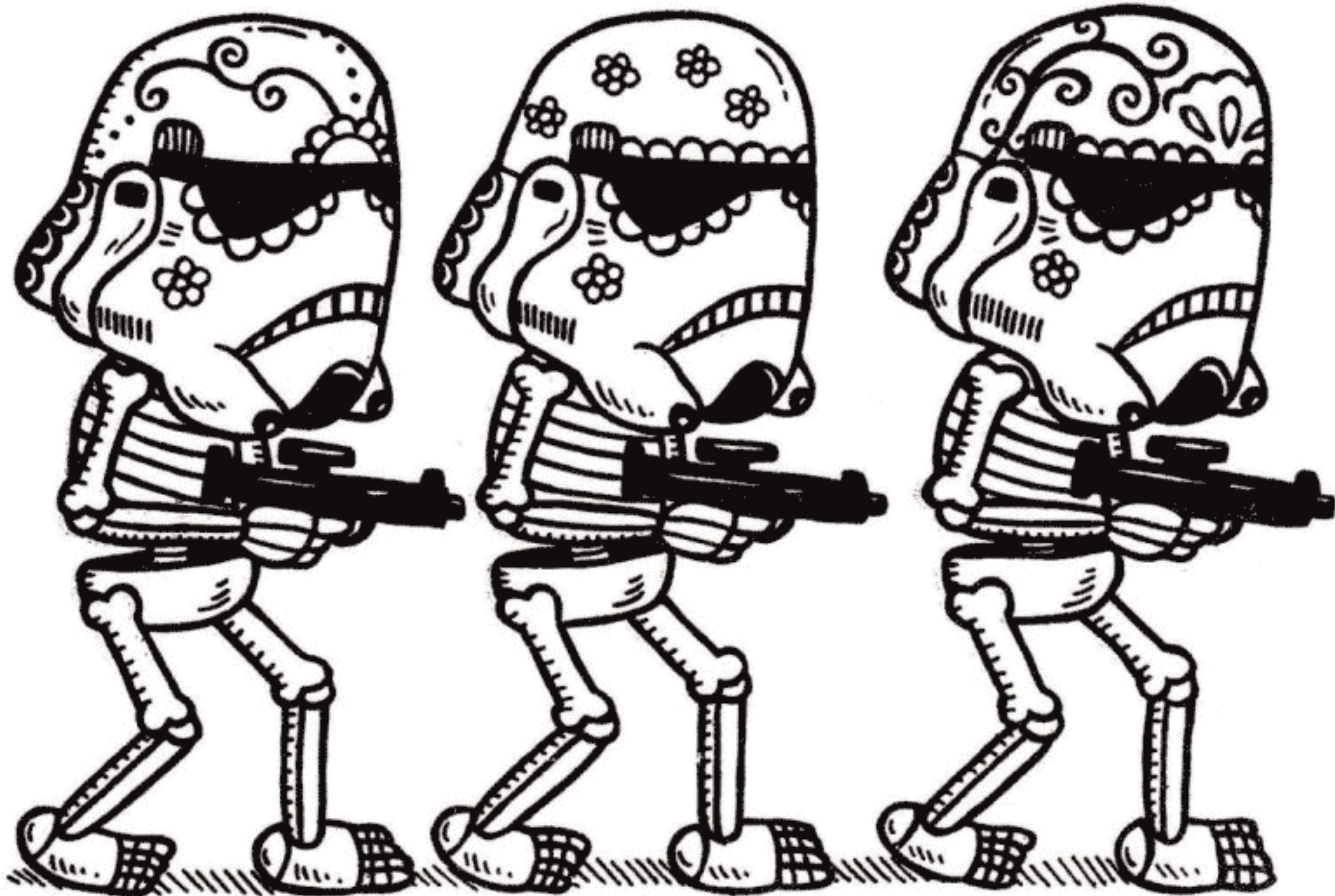


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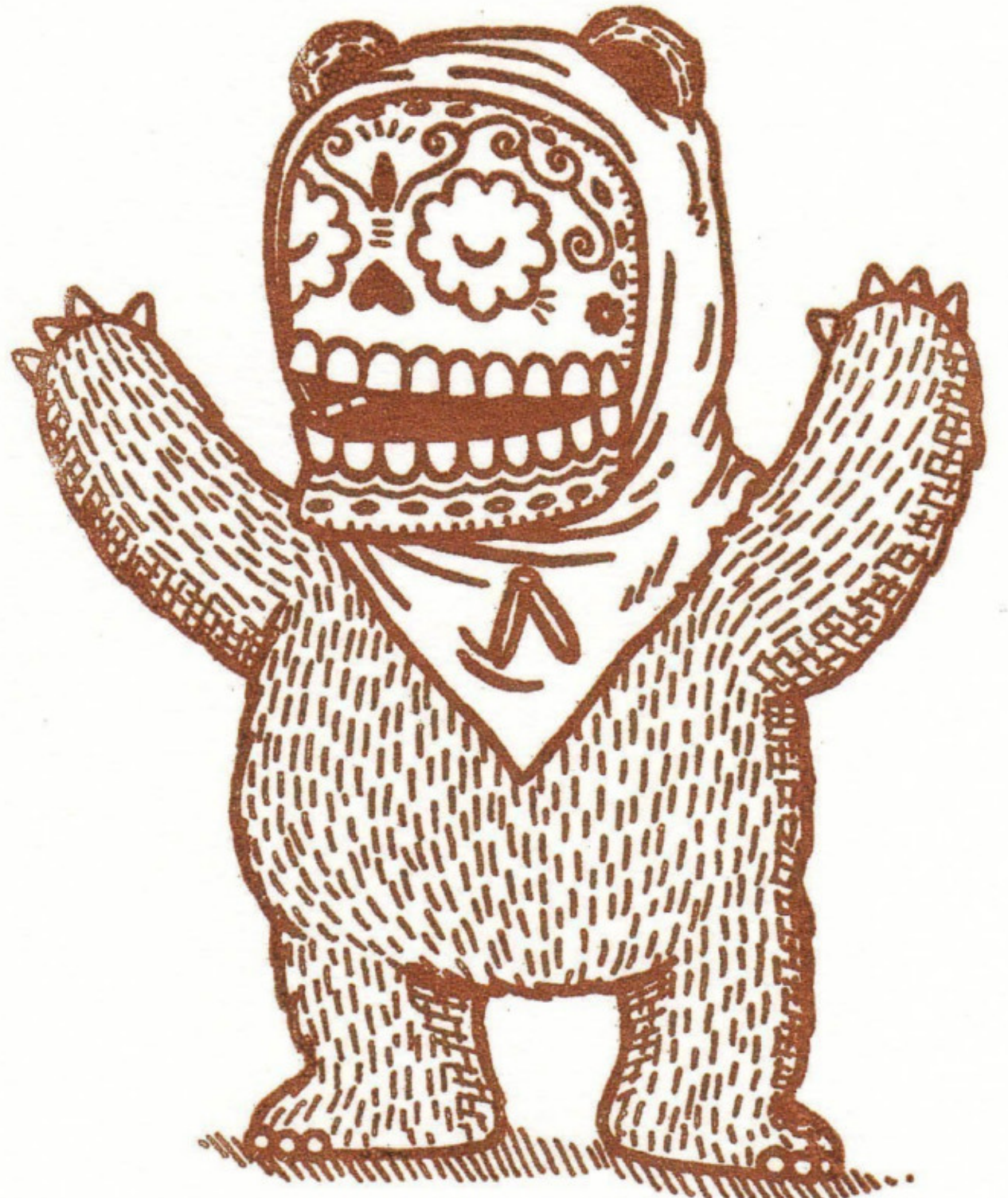
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