

“Cinco De Mayo”

By: El Vez

Mexican Independence

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History of Cinco De Mayo

- May 5, 1862
- Puebla
- Mexico vs. France
- Mexico, majorly outnumbered, defeats the French with sticks and stones
- French hadn't been defeated in around 50 years



El Vez's Story



- born 1960 as Robert Lopez
- In music biz since 1990
- Mexican-American rock and roll artist
- “Mexican Elvis Presley”
- writes political and pro-Latino music



Lyrics

Mexico was in the middle of a raging Civil War.

{El Vez is referring to *La Guerra de Reforma*,}

Juarez tried to make things better than before.

{Juarez wanted basic right for all Mexicans and the conservative elites were not liking that}

Europeans want Mexico back as colony.

{Mexico owed many debts to Europe and they wanted to mine}

France wants to curb U.S. Manifest Destiny.

{France wants to stop the United States expansion so they could claim more land }

This is the Battle 'tween France and Mexico.

This is the Ballad of Cinco de Mayo.



Lyrics Continued

Mexico was still strong and they began attack.
{even though Mexico just finished a civil war nationalism was still strong}

Spain and Britain got scared and so they headed back.

{Spain and Britain realized Frances ambition to conquer Mexico so they withdrew their forces }

Napoleon the third he wants to have it all.

{Napoleon wants Mexico to pay it's debts}

To colonize the Latin League but no one hears the call.

{France has no allies to aid in their battles against Mexico}



Lyrics Continued

This is the Battle 'tween France and Mexico.

This is the Ballad of Cinco de Mayo.

The Battle of Puebla was in 1862.

{May 5}

Mexico beats France with only a few.

{Mexico was outnumbered, France had superior weapons}

Mexicans for their country were prepared to
die.....oh.

{Mexicans were determined to be free and believed in
Juarez and his governments decisions}

This was the first Cinco de Mayo.

This is the Battle 'tween France and Mexico.

This is the Ballad of Cinco de Mayo.



Possible Biases

 Mexican



 American school system

 El Vez didn't live during the French intervention



Issue

- Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Independence Day (September 16)
- Cinco de Mayo has limited significance nationwide in Mexico
- The Battle at Puebla only slowed France; by 1863 France captured Mexico City



Mood and Theme of Song

- Fast pace and energetic
- Explains why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated
- Positive 😊



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