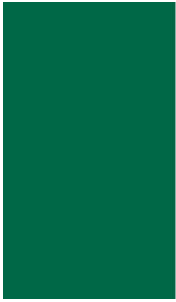
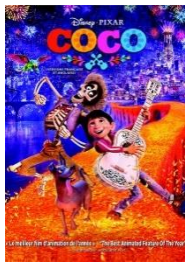


Mexico



Vocabulary:

Andes
Biodiverse
Civilisation
Culture
Empire
Endemic
Glyph
Independence
Peninsula
Quipa
Ritual
Sacrifice



Mexican Geography:

Bordered by the United States, Belize and Guatemala.

West = Pacific Ocean

East = Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea.

One of 23 countries in North America.

Mexico is divided into 6 main regions and 31 states. Culture, geography and climate different in each region.

Mexican History:

Mexico is named after Mexica, the largest and most powerful branch of the Aztecs.

Most advanced civilisations that developed before Europeans arrived:

Olmecs 1200BC to 400BC

Maya, 250AD to 900AD

Aztecs, 1300 to 1521

1521 - Mexico conquered by Spain.

1821 - Won independence from Spain

The first cowboys came from Mexico (Vaqueros).

Frida Kahlo:

Born in 1907 just south of Mexico City. Grew up with lots of medical problems.

Married another artist Diego Rivera.

She was a strong voice for women.

She died July 14th 1954



Mexican Culture:

Nov 1st and 2nd - Dia de los Muertos

Traditional foods include: chapulines, burritos, tacos.

Jarabe Tapatio - Mexican Hat Dance

Mariachi Bands

Mexican Wildlife:

Jaguar - Mexico's national mammal

Golden eagle - National Bird

Xoloitzcuintli - National Dog

Vaquita - National Marine Mammal

Mexican prairie dog - Endemic to Mexico

Thick billed parrot - Endemic to Mexico



Modern Mexico's Largest cities:

Mexico City* Guadalajara Monterrey Puebla

Tijuana