Mexico: El Dia de los Muertos

Post-visit Activity: Graphic Organizer

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Label the items on the ofrenda below and describe the significance of each.
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- Papel Picado - wind indicates arrival of spirits
- Visiting souls are illuminated from the shadow of death by candles.
- Photo honoring deceased loved one.
- Pan de Muerto is a sweet bread decorated with bones and a single tear that represents sorrow.
- Flower of the dead (Cempasuchil, or marigolds, have a strong scent that is said to attract the dead. Pathway of petals leads soul to altar.
- Sugar skulls are decorated and inscribed with names of honored deceased and living relatives.

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