

SITUATION

Joselito's sister María is turning 15. He asks his classmates to help with ideas for the invitation for his sister's quinceañera party and to address the envelopes using the invitation list that his mother sends to school.



task

In groups design a quinceañera invitation for the religious celebration with an insert card for the party. Using a culturally correct format, also address envelopes based on the address list that Joselito brings to class.



standards

Communication (Interpretive and Interactive Modes)
Cultures (Practices)
Connections (Acquisition)
Comparisons (Concept of Culture)



benchmarks

CM-1-D3 Demonstrating comprehension of spoken and written messages on family life.
CM-2 E1 Following and giving detailed instructions for participating in age-appropriate cultural activities
CM-2 E8 Exchanging opinions on personal issues
CM-3-B3 Giving short written message about events
CM-3-E2 Producing information incorporating numbers and time
CL-1-E7 Comparing and contrasting cultural practices
CN-2-D1 Finding and using information in authentic materials
CP-2-E1 Identifying and comparing the perspectives and practices of the target culture with native culture



materials

- teacher-created list of people invited to the party
- student worksheet: group evaluation sheet
- transparencies: invitation and envelope for a quinceañera party



activation

Begin a discussion with the students about what information is found on a birthday invitation.



information

Students will view a display of real invitations to different quinceañera parties. Lead a discussion asking questions about the information that is found on each card, bringing in vocabulary previously learned. Ensure that the students understand the different components of a quinceañera invitation.

Example questions:

- ¿ Cómo se llama la señorita quinceañera?
- ¿ Cómo se llama el padre de la quinceañera?
- ¿ Cuándo es la fiesta ?
- ¿ En dónde es la misa ?
- ¿ En dónde es la fiesta ?

Show a transparency of a quinceañera invitation including the outside and inside as well as the insert card. Inform the students that if the invitation is not mailed, but handed out in person, E.S.M. (en sus manos) should be written under the name on the outside of the envelope. The invitation and envelopes should be filled out in colored ink. Calligraphy is always accepted and in some instances is preferred.

Hand out the evaluation form.



student task

Divide the class into groups asking each group to design a quinceañera invitation for the religious celebration and an insert card for the party. Using a culturally correct format, have students address envelopes based on the address list that Joselito brings to class (you create or use some names from the student worksheet, situation 5).



feedback

Each group will present their invitation and envelopes to the class. The class will select the best invitation to be used in the completed class project, using the criteria listed on the evaluation check list.

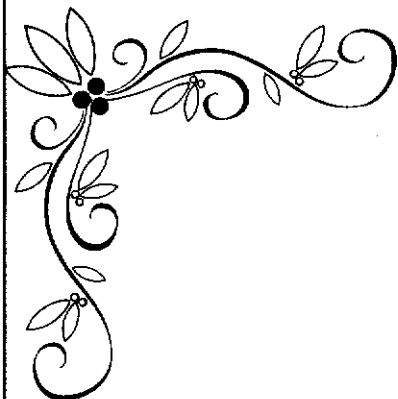
Group Evaluation Check List

Review your group's invitation. Check "SI" or "NO" to answer the questions according to the quinceañera invitation you completed. All group members must sign the evaluation check list.

	SI	NO
1. Is the front design of the invitation appropriate for a quinceañera party?		
2. Does the front of the invitation include the quinceañera's name?		
3. Did we include the date, time, place, address and attire?		
4. Did we include the insert card for the party, if needed?		
5. Is the invitation original?		
6. Are the envelopes' addresses culturally correct?		
7. Is the envelope written neatly in colored ink?		
8. Did everyone in the group stay on task?		

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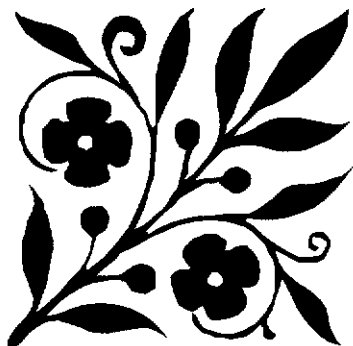
Sobre para la invitación



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E.S.M.

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María
les invita a un almuerzo en el
Club de Golf de San Buenaventura

Presentar a la entrada

Eugenio Riguelme Valdés
María Esther Turrent de Riguelme
tienen el gusto de invitarle a la ceremonia religiosa
que con motivo de cumplir

Quince Años

su hija

María

se celebrará el sábado del presente a las doce y treinta horas, en la
Capilla de San Buenaventura (San Buenaventura 29, Club de Golf)
celebrando la Santa Misa el Reverendo Padre Guillermo Frigoyen
el sábado veintiuno de junio a las diez y treinta horas.

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