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## Guatemala

Passport to the World

# Virtual

## Kids

# Activities



### **Craft - Study on the work of famous Guatemalan artist Carlos Merida.**

Guatemala is a country of volcanoes, mountains, and beaches on the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. From the Cuchumatán Mountains in the western highlands, to the coastlines on the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, this small country is marked by contrasts. Three of Guatemala's 30 volcanoes are still active.

To learn more about Guatemala follow the link below

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/guatemala/>

Carlos Mérida was a Guatemalan artist who was one of the first to fuse European modern painting to Latin American themes, especially those related to Guatemala and Mexico. To get inspiration for creating your artwork inspired by Carlos Mérida follow the link below

<https://www.wikiart.org/en/carlos-merida>

#### **Materials:**

- Crayons or oil pastels (optional)
- Construction paper of various colors
- Scissors
- Glue Stick

#### **Directions:**

1. Start with a blank piece of construction paper and look at the work of Carlos Merida.
2. Using your scissors, begin to cut pieces of various colors and shapes to glue onto your blank construction paper. You can color on these pieces with crayons or oil pastels if you would like.

Post your results in our comments section!



### **Virtual Exploration - Tikal - Ancient Mayan City of Guatemala**

Follow the link to go on a Virtual tour of this ancient city

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaUIR2QIx54>



## Science Activity - Diet Coke and Mentos Eruption

Although there are a few different theories around about how this experiment works, the most favoured reason is because of the combination of carbon dioxide in the Diet Coke and the little dimples found on Mentos candy pieces.

Take a picture of your results and add them to our comments!!

Follow the link for directions

<https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/original-mentos-diet-coke-geyser/>



## Daily Challenge - Let's make Chocolate

Did you know that Guatemala is home to the first chocolate bar? The Mayan civilization invented the chocolate bar using cocoa beans, a product that is now world famous.

Here's a link for a simple homemade chocolate recipe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3pBqyCeGlvw&feature=youtu.be>

Show us your results - be creative!

Take a picture when you're done then add them to our comments!!

## Let's Stay Active - Sing-a-long Elena of Avalor

Sing and dance along to Disney's Elena of Avalor theme song which is sung by Latin Grammy Award winner and Guatemalan-born Gaby Moreno.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEp0VfAgvso&feature=youtu.be>



## Culture & History - Ancient Dance of the Gods

The "Deer Dance" signifies the coexistence of humans, animals and the greater natural world; and it blesses the lives, work and harvests of those who perform it.



In Patzún, Guatemala, villagers perform the Deer Dance the day before the Feast of Corpus Christi, a Catholic holiday celebrated throughout Central and South America.

Follow the link below for video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLVDC\\_dYJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLVDC_dYJg)