

THE HISTORY OF Cinco de Mayo *

This holiday commemorates the date of the Mexican army's victory over France at the battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War in 1862.



The holiday became popular in the U.S. as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage in the 1960's, brought to awareness by Chicano activists.



The holiday is primarily celebrated in Pueblo, Mexico but has spread to other parts of the country and even the U.S.



Celebrations traditionally consist of military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events.

