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5 FUN THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CINCO DE MAYO

1. Not a celebration of independence

Cinco de Mayo is not a celebration of Mexico's Independence (which is actually September 16th), but rather a celebration of Mexico's victory in the battle at Puebla on May 5th, 1862 during the Franco-Mexican war. It was an unlikely win for the Mexican militia who were heavily outnumbered by the French. The victory became a source of pride for the country and is the reason we continue to celebrate today.

2. Mexico won the battle, but not the war

spreading his empire but at conquering a key MeAlthough the Mexican Army won the battle at Puebla on May 5th, 1862 the French went on to win the war, occupying the region for five years.

3. Abraham Lincoln sympathized with the Mexican cause but...

Abraham Lincoln sympathized with the Mexican cause during the French occupation but was unable to lend direct support to the nation due to the U.S. Civil War, which was taking place at the same time. When the Civil War finally ended, the U.S. forced France to withdraw its troops from Mexico and their empire collapsed.

4. Not a federal holiday in Mexico

Cinco de Mayo is not a federal holiday in Mexico and is a relatively minor holiday outside of Puebla, Veracruz and the United States. In Puebla and Veracruz, however, Cinco de Mayo is a very important state holiday celebrated with parades, festivals and reenactments.

5. Roosevelt helped popularize Cinco de Mayo in the U.S.

Cinco de Mayo became a popular holiday in the U.S. after President Franklin Roosevelt enacted the "Good Neighbor Policy" in 1933 to improve relations with Latin American countries.

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Most of the bites or stings a person in North America are nothing to be worried, about but some people can have a moderate to severe reaction . The bites you should take care of are ,

- ◆ **Mosquito Bites** can expose you to diseases like West Nile Virus or Ziks. These mosquitos are usually found near standing water
- ◆ **Tick Bites** can expose you to Lyme Disease. They are usually found in wooded areas.
- ◆ **Fire ants** give a burning sensation and pain They can be found anywhere
- ◆ **Bedbugs** raise ichy red bumps and are usualy in a pattern of two or more
- ◆ **Spider Bites** are always red and very itchy.

BASIC THINGS TO DO IF YOU DO GET STUNG OR BITTEN

1. Remove the stinger as soon as you can
2. Apply an Ice pack to the site of the sting.
3. Apply Benadryl with a tip. Or if the itching is bad take a tablet such as Tylenol or ibuprofen for the pain