

Remember Me Reflections Answer Key

Sample Response

In *Coco*, the filmmakers honor real Day of the Dead traditions by showing families building **altars (ofrendas)** decorated with **photos, candles, and marigolds**. The golden bridge of petals symbolizes how spirits travel between worlds, connecting the living and the dead. The movie adapts these customs with imaginative touches-like the glowing "Land of the Dead"-to show that remembrance keeps ancestors alive in our hearts. Through its music and story, *Coco* turns cultural practices into a universal message about love, legacy, and family bonds.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Analytical writing, media literacy, and cultural comprehension.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling writers, provide a sentence starter like: "In *Coco*, the tradition of ___ shows that family..."
 - For advanced students, challenge them to discuss how the film balances **authenticity and artistic imagination**.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Play clips of the **ofrenda** and **bridge scenes** to spark discussion before writing.
 - Ask students to share one symbol from the film that stood out and what it represents.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students research a behind-the-scenes interview with Pixar artists about how they studied Mexican culture.
 - Encourage creative follow-ups such as designing their own "film poster" showing how *Coco* celebrates heritage.