



Noche de los Rábanos

Oaxaca City, Oaxaca





Radish festival takes place on Dec 23 every year in the Zocalo in Oaxaca City, in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.



Vocabulario

Rábanos **radishes**

La noche de rábanos **Night of the Radishes**

Exposición **exposition/exhibit**

Esculturas **sculptures**

Zócalo **central plaza**

Se parece a **looks like**

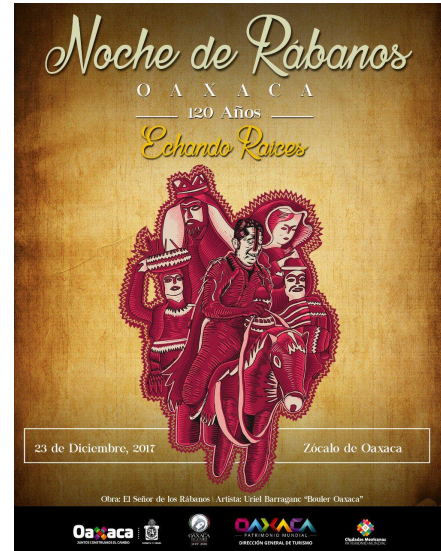
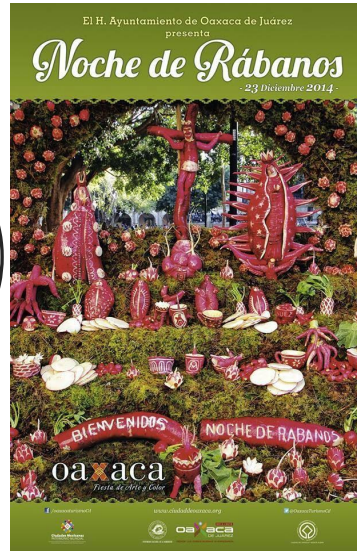
[Rosetta Stone](#)

[Carving](#)

Rosetta Stone video: play from 0.25-1.41

Carving video: play from 4.42-5.16 (it's a vlog from Youtube)

Tradición
desde 1897



Radishes are not native to Mexico, they were brought over by the Spanish in the 1500s. It is said that monks had the idea of using radishes to make sculptures in different creative shapes with the intention of attracting people to buy them.



La preparación

On Dec 19, participants choose the radishes, the Oaxacan gov't grows the radishes near the Oaxacan airport for the event. Children often come to help! Contestants have the next few days to plan but carving has to be done day of – why? Because it will wilt... They have to register months in advance in order to get a spot. Large & deformed radishes make creative shapes!



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The event starts at sunset & only lasts a few hours – why?? Why spray with water? Everything could wilt and look not how it is supposed to very quickly. At the end of the night, judges award winners in each category and then one overall winner who gets 12,000 pesos = \$617 USD and they get their picture published in the paper next day. Night ends with fireworks.



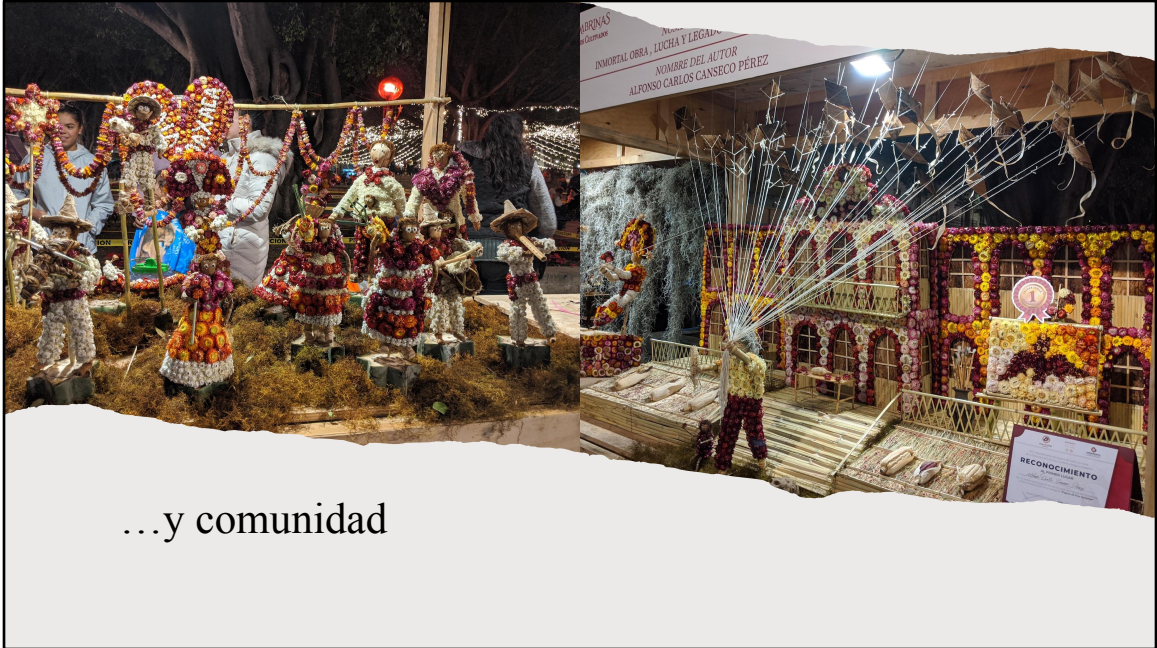
Talk about the different factors that influence carvings: religion, mythology, Indigenous culture, farming, & community.



los monstruos...

La agricultura....





...y comunidad

Talk about how there is a marigold and corn husk section of the festival, but it is less popular than the radishes



Next Class:

Carving Radishes & Display!

Introduce planning sheet