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## DIa de los muertos benchmark

My sugar skull and mask was based of my grandmother Val janetha Williams. My grandma meant a lot to me and I really loved her. She was a big part of my family has done a lot for my family. I choosed to do her for my benchmark project because she did a lot and meant a lot to my family.

My grandma Val was born July 31, 1916. She started school when she was five years old. With her cousin Lillian, they walked ten minutes up a hill to get to school. Before school started, my grandma would wake up at 5 o'clock AM. She had to walk two blocks to get water that she would have to carry on her head back home. Next, she had to milk the goat and sheep, tie them up, and place the milk on the kitchen table. For breakfast or what my grandma called tea, she would have bread and butter with tea or cocoa. They arrived at school at 9 o'clock and they went home an one hour lunch at 12 o'clock and went back to school and went home at 3 o'clock. My grandma played Rounders with a ball. The kids would throw a ball and run around 4 poles. She also played with chinese dolls. They were stuffed with straw and they had porcelain heads, hands, and feet. My grandma also played with her cat and dog. She had a lot of chores. She had to sweep the house, polish furniture, and clean the yard, After living half of her life in Barbados, West indies and half in Philadelphia, Pa, my grandma says that she is "Thankful to god for everything".

I remember every day coming home from school I would see her and she would always be cooking something for dinner. Another she loved was gardening. In front of my house I have a garden and it would always be filled with flowers of various colors. Me and my father still to this day treat my garden the way that my grandmother would. One thing that she would love to do is go to church on sundays. She would go every sunday and walk up seven blocks to get up to the church. Then she would walk back and cook dinner for my family.

My sugar skull mask represents my grandmother in a lot of ways. I painted my skull all green. I did this to represent how much my grandmother loved to plant and cared for the environment. Also on my sugar skull are flags from barbados. I painted these to represent where my grandmother was from. That is how my sugar skull represented my grandmother.

Dia de los muertos is a mexican holiday that gathers families and loved ones to remember the ones who passed away and are gone. It is celebrated in mexico as a public holiday. The holiday is celebrated on on October 31st through November 2nd. The holiday was actually not actually discovered till the 20th century.

Día de los Muertos opens my mind a lot in actually celebrating the passing of my grandmother how I could remember her. It opens my mind in remembering the things she did for my family and the sacrifices she had to make. Dia de los muertos is a day where we remember our loved ones who have passed and remember their contribution in our families. That is why I dedicate This day one time a year to my grandmother, Val janetha Williams.

Hola! Estamos aquí para recordar y visitar mi abuela. Mi abuela fue una mujer muy importante en mi familia. Ella tenía mucho amor para mi familia. Ella fue de Barbados, el medio de el familia es de Barbados. Mi abuela fue una mujer muy amable y cariñosa. Yo solamente quiero dar otro abrazo a mi abuela otra vez. Yo siempre voy a tener ella en mi corazón.

Yo vivo en Filadelfia. Yo **soy** riste que mi abuela se murió. Pero yo siempre me voy a recordar (of) mi abuela y los momentos buenos que yo tenía con ella. En conclusión, yo **Soy** emocionado y contento que yo puedo compartir sobre mi abuela.