**Remembering the Dead Project**

The cycle of birth, life and death is a universal constant in all human cultures. How we remember those who have died varies from culture to culture. The appearance of festivals commemorating both people who have died, as well as death itself, can be found in a large number of distinct and different cultures around the world. Your assignment is to compare three different cultures rituals in regards to how they remember those who have passed away.

**The first culture:**

Your culture- How does your family remember and respect those who have died in your family.

**Second culture:**

### The traditions of Los Dias de los Muertos of Mexico

**Third culture:**

One of the following cultural rituals:

* Obon Festival in Japan
* Chuseok in South Korea
* Gaijatra in India
* Pitru Paksha in India
* The Hungry Ghost Festival in China
* Famadihana in Madagascar

Using the Venn diagram you will research the following:

1. What do the three traditions have in common (other than someone has died) ?
2. What does Your Culture share in common with Dias de los Muertos, and what does Your Culture share with the Third Culture.
3. What makes each tradition unique in its own way

(Special note- If you celebrate, Dias de los Muertos or one of the Third Culture examples, how does your family make it unique at home?)

