The PUBLIC DOMAIN REVIEW

The Calaveras of José Guadalupe Posada

José Guadalupe Posada (1851–1913) was a Mexican illustrator known for his satirical and politically acute calaveras. Derived from the Spanish word for "skulls," these calaveras were illustrations featuring skeletons that would, after Posada's death, become closely associated with the Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Most of these calaveras were published by the press of Antonio Vanegas Arroyo which produced inexpensive literature for the lower classes, including thousands of satirical broadsides that Posada illustrated. Through this focus on mortality Vanegas Arroyo and Posada satirized many poignant issues of the day, in particular the details of bourgeois life and the dictatorship of Porfirio Díaz.

On January 20th 1913, three years after the start of the Mexican Revolution, José Guadalupe Posada died at his home in obscurity. He was penniless and buried in an unmarked grave. It was only years later in the 1920s that his work became recognized on a national and international level after it was championed by the French ex-patriot artist Jean Charlot who described Posada as "printmaker to the Mexican people".

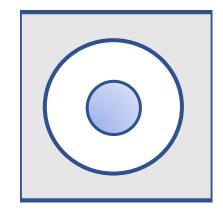
Above you were given a little about José Guadalupe Posada and his art. You need to now do your own research on the man and his art; reporting back your findings in a Circle Thinking Map.

On the front you will fill it like this:

- ✓ Inner circle is the topic "José Guadalupe Posada"
- ✓ Outer circle are adjectives or short phrases that describe him and his art
- ✓ Square AKA Frame of Reference is where you document that which had influenced him, formed who he was, important facts about him, etc.
 - Keep in mind that all of this is to be written in your own words and complete sentences.
 - This section is also where you can include information that includes people in his life.

On the back side of the Circle Thinking Map include:

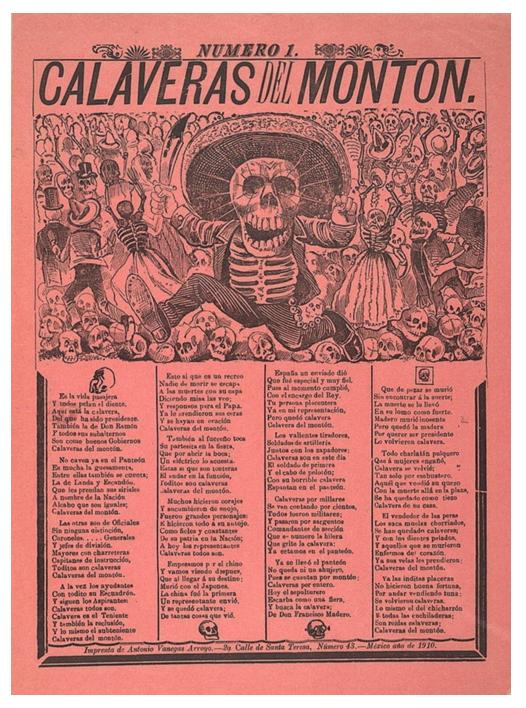
- ✓ Your name, date, hour
- ✓ 3-5 sources you used to complete the Circle Thinking Map

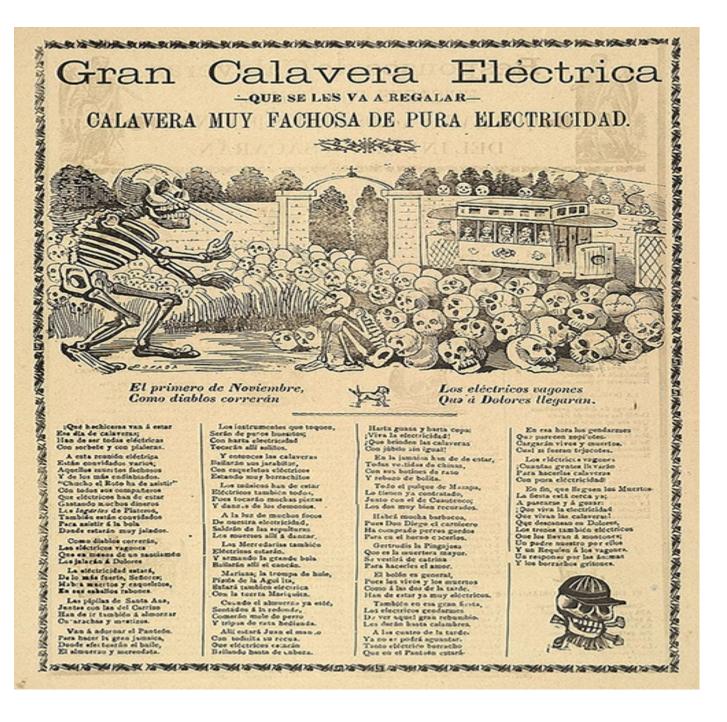


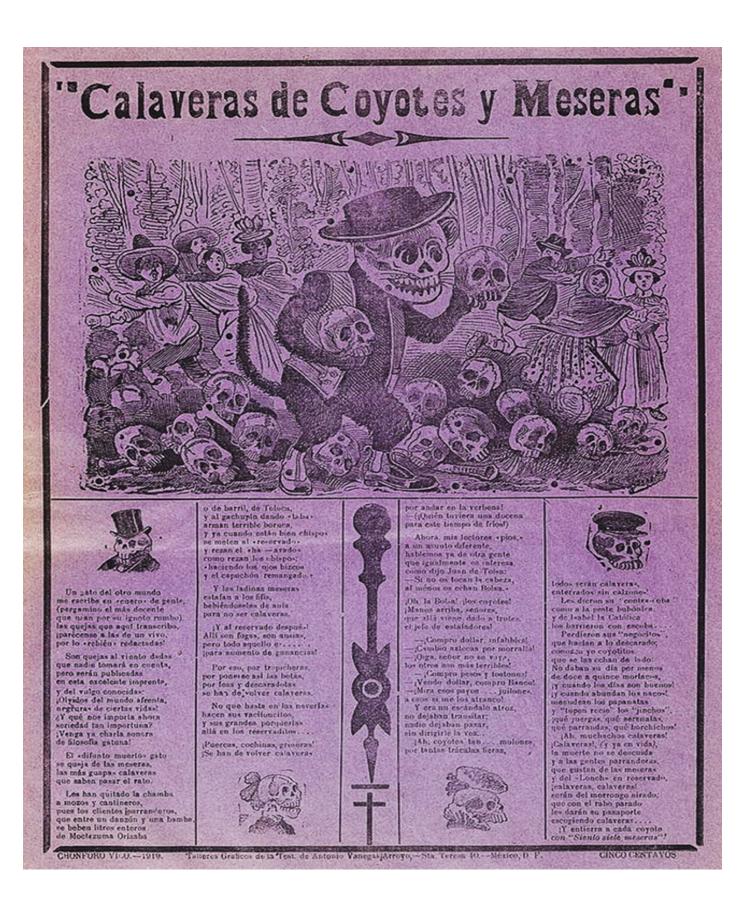
Here is a sample of what you need to draw for your Circle Thinking Map. The back is left blank for information as listed. This assignment is to be turned in by the end of class today for full credit. You will work with a partner on this collection of illustrations by José Guadalupe Posada. As you look at these illustrations discuss with your partner and then please answer the following questions together. When your time is up you will do a Pair-Share with the class. You are expected to take notes on the sharing from the other partners in class; especially noting observations that differ from yours.

The Visual Thinking questions are:

- 1. What's going on in this picture?
- 2. What do you see that makes you say that?
- 3. What more can you and your partner find?







Pasé por la primavera Y me ltamó la atención El ver una calavora, "I Geo trajeron del panteón. Daba pens y tentación, Mirar que pelaba el diente Era el duello, el patrós; Oh sin duda el dependiente.

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Al otro lado un errepeño Mucha fué la semiración, Tendido cataba su duello, Y con velas el cajón.... Estaque feé empeñoro, Robaba sin compación Que por amar el dinero; Calavera es del montós.

Adelante el carnic-ro En la mano su morcón, Mas altá el tocinero; Con eu hetiondo chicharrón Estos pronto se murieron Y se fucron al panceón, Calaveras se volvieron; Calaveras del montón.

En la esquisa un pulquero Tomando de compromiso, Al ciro lado del piso Le scompaña un jicarere. Brindo porque lo quiero Decia con amor profesdo.... Hoy calavera es el primero, Y le scompaña el segundo.

El vicio so mapatero Que alegre se emborrachó. Por andur de pendenciero; Haste la xuela perdió. En la calle se pelió Pues insultove ó cualquiera, Otro como él lo mató Y ahora ya os calavora.

No corras tanto Madero Deten un poco tu trote, Porque con ese galope, Te volviste narangero, Ya no corras...., detente Acerta ya tu carrera, Que te gritarà la gente; ¡A que horribte c.lavera!

Madero, on esta ocusión Es mucho lo que has corrido Ferdistes ya la razón, Y en muerte te has convertido. A hora tu filación La tiene el nuevo partido; Tu calsvera ban metido, Al horno de cremación. Te llevan A Mia corrier El horno d De tu ro No queda Al borno f Y se quem Ta huesan La metiero Reaojo la c Por valiy Y por and Junto cos Tristos cal La mismo y Y el que ve Calaverse Quiero q

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Adonde está tu viveza Millonario y con dimero, Alza un poco la cabesa; Y dale vuelta al tintero, Te llovan á la prisión Más corriendo que de prisa, Ya to volvió coniza..... El horno de cremación,

De tu rofda calavera No queda ya ni pedinos Al borno fad la primera, Y se quemó á tizonasse. Tu huesamenta hecha trinas La metioron al montón, Ahora si quo ai cenizas; Rezoje la cremación.

Por valiente el panudero Y por andar de bribón, Junto con el biscochero: Tristos calaveras son . . . Lo mismo ca el delcoro Y el que vende macarrón, Uno y otro parcandero; Calaveras del montón,

Quiero que sepan mi cuita Porque el gaflote me tnerzo, Si quieren su propinita No re olviden de este verzo. . El decirlo no quiciera Pues me duele el corazón, Pero esta pobre calavera, Los saluda en el montón. .

En todas las fiestecitas Se debe tener euidado, Que los crueles motoristas; A much sgente has matado. Que sigan con sus touteras Que los espera el panteón Todos hechos calaveras Salienda de la prisión.

Se acabaron los prensistas No hay encuedernadores, Se murieron los cajistas; Ya no quedan impreserer. Con todos los escritores Bailando la sandunguora, Se volvieron calavora En el panteón de Dolores.

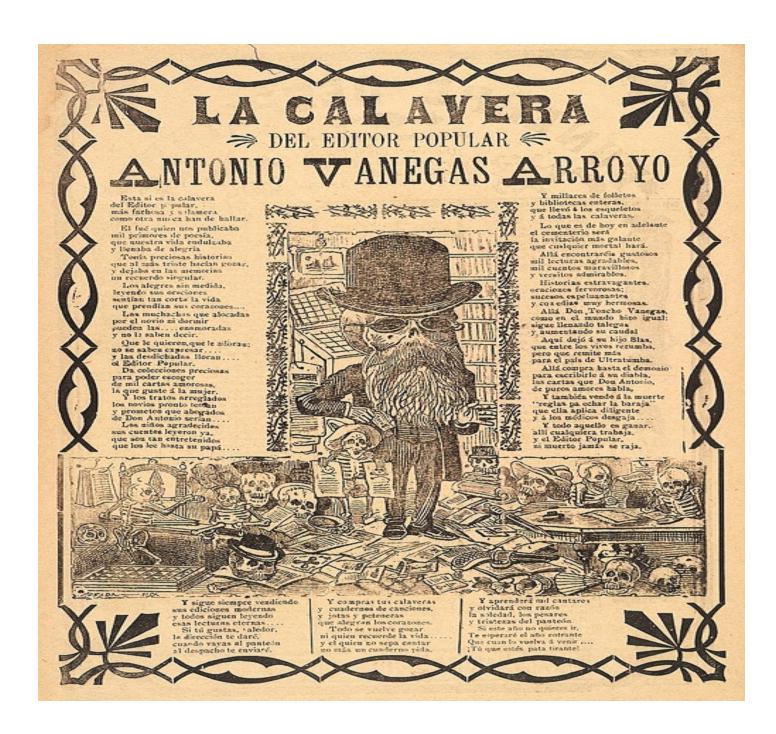
Los toreros como sabios Sufrieron sa revolcón, Vezgó el toro sus agrabios Los mandó para el panteón. También á los del expres Y empleados de papelera Sin br. zos, manos ni pice Los volvieron calavera.

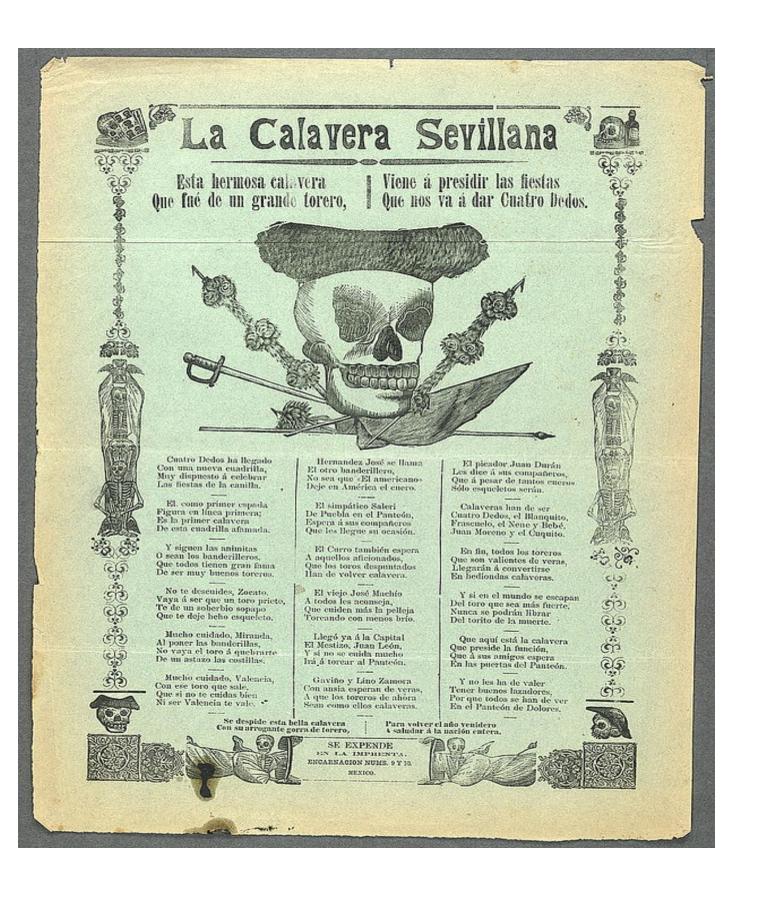
El mundo va á terminar Por el cólera enfarecido, Que sea pues bien vonido. Si nos tiene que tocar, Pues decirlo no quiciera Me causa desesporación Porque tenemos que sor Calaveras del montón;

Imprenta de Antonio Vanegas Arroyo.-2a. Calle de Santa Teresa, número 43-México 1910.

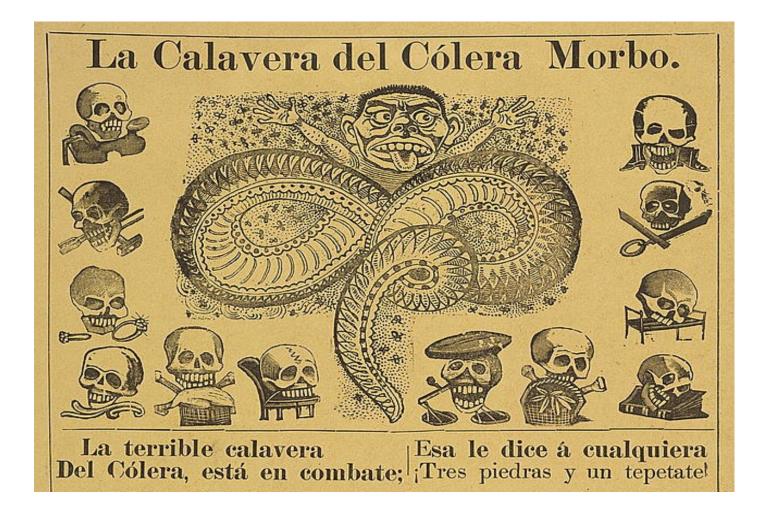












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