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**Preguntas para Las Fallas**

*Read the article discussing the Spanish celebration of Las Fallas. Use any reading strategy that you know (underlining, highlighting, etc.) to help you understand the text. Then, answer these questions in* ***complete sentences****. This means that your sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period.*

*Answer the questions in your* ***own words****. Do* ***NOT*** *take any phrases from the text without putting it in quotations and writing from which page you took the information.*

1. When and where does *Las Fallas* take place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is *Las Fallas*? What does *la mascletà* signify? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. What are *los ninots*? Who builds them? Where are they displayed?

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4. What happens to the *ninots*/*fallas* at midnight on the last night? What is that called? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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5. What happens to the winning *ninot*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. The vocabulary words *La Cremà, la mascletà*, etc. are specific to Valencia, Spain. They are words in the Spanish dialect, Valenciano. How can you tell the difference? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Although *Las Fallas* is a well known celebration throughout Spain, it is unique to Valencia. What kinds of celebrations or traditions are unique to your hometown? Are they part of a specific celebration or season?

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8. Imagine that you are visiting the Valencian museum of the winning *ninots*, *El Museo Fallero*. What kinds of things would you expect to see? What kinds of questions would you ask the workers? ***You must include least 4 questions to receive full credit.***

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**More Facts:   
Ninots:** The **ninots** are built by groups throughout Valencia. Many take up to six months to build and cost thousands of dollars. Most **ninots** are burned on the last day of Las Fallas. Those that have won prizes are the last to be burned. Only the favorite ninot is saved from destruction. It is displayed in a museum, *El Museo Fallero*.   
**Mascletà:** The **mascletà** takes place at two in the afternoon. Firecrackers of different sizes are exploded in a plaza.

**Traditionally, the Fallas are satirical**. The foreign media coverage of the Fallas creates the impression that the Fallas are about mocking particular people, such as politicians, much like a row of caricatures. This is not true.  
More accurately, each Falla-Sculpture has a broad **theme**. If something is mocked, it is usually a policy, a social phenomenon, a trend in the way of life, etc. The recognizable figures are only a small fragment of a bigger picture, pieces of the jigsaw puzzle of the Falla.  
 http://www.valenciavalencia.com/culture-guide/fallas/fallas-sculptures.htm



**Example of a winning *ninot***