

The Kites of Mexico City

Level: Grades 3-12

This is a government document from 1814 banning kite flying in Mexico City. Kite flying seems like kind of an unusual thing for a government to ban. But 170,000 people lived in Mexico City at that time. Because it was so crowded, it became dangerous to fly kites in public squares. By comparison, Philadelphia had a population of only 53,722 in 1813, far less than half the number of people living in Mexico City.

Imagine that you are in charge of spreading the word about the new kite flying ban. Design and create a poster that could be posted in the town squares around Mexico City. If you'd like to include pictures but you're not confident in your drawing skills, try cutting images from a magazine to create a collage. The Rosenbach would love to see what you create! Send images of your posters to Emilie Parker at eparker@rosenbach.org or post them on our social media. We are @RosenbachMuseum.

