

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15 IS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



ELEMENTARY LEVEL

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Use these materials to begin a conversation with elementary grade students about Hispanic and Latino people, both their diverse identities and their contributions.



GUIDING QUESTION

How have Hispanic and Latino individuals and communities shaped the history, cultures, and traditions of California and the United States?



EXPLORE

- Visit this site to explore the **contributions and experiences of Latinos in the US** through history, traditions, arts and entertainment, and more. <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/uslatinocultures>
- Learn about the **California Farmworker Movement** and the many individuals who advocated for farmworkers' rights, fair treatment, and safer working conditions through this CDE resource. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/farmworkersday.asp>. Then learn about **Dolores Huerta** and her advocacy for workers' rights in [A Hero to Migrant Workers read aloud](#).
- Learn about Lin-Manuel Miranda, a playwright, composer, actor, and filmmaker whose Puerto Rican heritage inspires his work. Through music and storytelling, he has helped many people learn about history, culture and community. <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Lin-Manuel-Miranda/633689>
- **Baldo** is the first syndicated **comic strip about a Latino family**. Learn about the creators and their inspiration. <https://www.pbs.org/video/inside-the-mind-of-a-comic-creator-mgbjla/>
- Watch and learn about **Ellen Ochoa**, a Californian and the first **Latina astronaut** and the first Hispanic woman in space. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw-OqhoD3xs>
- **Mendez vs. Westminster** is a court case that led to the **desegregation of California schools**. Watch and learn more about this case's impact on our state and nation. <https://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/osi04.soc.ush.civil.mendez/mendez-v-westminster-desegregating-californias-schools/>. This Google Doodle celebrates **Felicitas Mendez**. <https://youtu.be/8Ky0sDXIBa4>



EXPLAIN

- As you explored Hispanic and Latino history and culture, what did you discover about how these individuals and groups are similar yet different from each other and you? (*Social Justice Standard DI.3-5.7; JU.3-5.11*)
- How have Hispanic and Latino individuals and communities contributed to the history, culture, and civic life of California and the United States?



ENGAGE FURTHER

- Visit the **At-Home with the National Museum of Mexican Art** for a list of activities for you and the whole family. <https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/families>
- Watch and learn about **Roberto Clemente**, the **first Latin American baseball player to be named World Series MVP** and to the **Baseball Hall of Fame**. The Roberto Clemente award is given annually to a player who demonstrates a commitment to community. <https://www.mlb.com/video/roberto-clemente-award-preview>
- Learn about one of these **17 influential Latinas** who have shaped everything from fashion to government. <https://americanhistory.si.edu/topics/latino-history/pages/latinask-talk-hablan-de-latinas>



SECONDARY LEVEL

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Use these materials to begin a conversation with secondary grade students about Hispanic and Latino people, both their diverse identities and their contributions.



GUIDING QUESTION

How have Hispanic and Latino individuals and groups contributed to the history and culture of California and the US?



EXPLORE

- Visit this site to explore the **contributions and experiences of Latinos in the US** through history, traditions, arts and entertainment, and more. <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/uslatinocultures>
- Explore the **Smithsonian website** on Hispanic Heritage Month resources: <https://latino.si.edu/learn/teaching-and-learning-resources/hispanic-heritage-month-resources>
- Learn about the **California Farmworker Movement** and the many individuals who advocated for farmworkers' rights, fair treatment, and safer working conditions through this CDE resource. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/farmworkersday.asp>. Learn about **Dolores Huerta** and her advocacy for workers' rights (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMGPLfBI3sQ>)
- Learn about **Justice Sonia Sotomayor**, the first Latina to serve on the United States Supreme Court. <https://prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2022/09/28/hispanic-heritage-month-sonia-sotomayor/>
- Watch and learn about **Ellen Ochoa**, a Californian and the first Latina astronaut and the first Hispanic woman in space. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe9-ZEf_6k
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EXPLAIN

- As you explored Hispanic and Latino history and culture, what did you discover about how these individuals and groups are similar yet different from each other and you? How about common stereotypes? (*Social Justice Standard DI.6-8.7; JU.6-8.11*)
- How have Hispanic and Latino individuals and communities shaped the history, cultures, civic life, and traditions of California and the United States?



ENGAGE FURTHER

- In this TED Talk, **America Ferreira**, an award winning actress, shares how she's come to see her Latina identity as her superpower. https://www.ted.com/talks/america_ferrera_my_identity_is_a_superpower_not_an_obstacle?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare
- Watch and learn about **Roberto Clemente**, the **first Latin American baseball player to be named World Series MVP** and to the **Baseball Hall of Fame**. The Roberto Clemente award is given annually to a player who demonstrates a commitment to community. <https://www.mlb.com/video/roberto-clemente-award-preview>
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