

Hispanic Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Hispanic Heritage Month fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Hispanic Heritage Month questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Hispanic Heritage Month questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Hispanic Heritage Month fact cards around your classroom where students will



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

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National Hispanic Heritage Week began in 1968. In 1988, it expanded to a month. It honors

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Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and

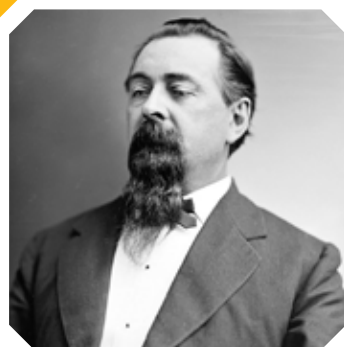


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Romualdo Pacheco briefly stepped up as California's first (and

only!) Hispanic governor in 1875. He became the first voting Hispanic congressman in 1879 for the same state.

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American cowboy culture began in Mexico. Spanish settlers brought their cattle-herding methods with them. *Vaqueros*, the first cowboys, then spread widely.



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Hispanics are the second-fastest growing ethnic group in the U.S. A 2024 survey showed they are

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In 1977, Puerto Rican entertainer Rita Moreno became the third EGOT winner (Emmy, Grammy,



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Most Hispanic dishes use crops from Latin America. These include corn (maize), common beans, chili peppers, tomatoes, and potatoes.

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Óscar de la Renta was a fashion designer with citizenship in the U.S. and Dominican Republic. Queens, first ladies, and stars like Taylor Swift have worn his and his label's gowns.





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Franklin Chang-Díaz (1986) and Ellen Ochoa (1992) were the first

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In 1980, Luis Alvarez and his son were the first to suggest a meteor killed the dinosaurs. He was also the first



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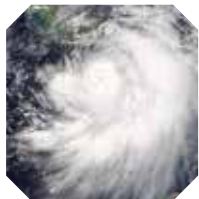
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Many English words come from Spanish, often starting in native languages.

examples:



hurricane (Taíno: juracán),



tomato (Nahautl: tomatl),



mosquito (Spanish for little fly)

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In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor became the third woman and first Hispanic American to sit on the Supreme Court.

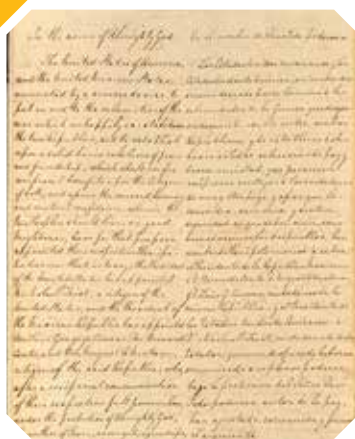


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Land from the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo helped form 7 states. One was New Mexico. It has the

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There are many kinds of Hispanic music, like salsa, tango, bachata, and Latin pop.

Reggaeton, which developed



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Nearly 60% of the U.S.'s Hispanic population has Mexican ancestry. That's about 40 million people, or about 11% of the total U.S. population.

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Basketball Hall-of-Famer Carmelo Anthony was born to Black and Puerto Rican parents. He won four Olympic medals: one bronze, three gold.



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Hispanic aid helped win the Revolutionary War. Bernardo de Gálvez of Spanish Louisiana

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Not all of Latin America is Hispanic!
Hispanic refers to Spanish history



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Side A

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Fact Card 1: When did Hispanic Heritage Week expand into a full month? _____

Fact Card 2: List five Hispanic countries with independence days on September 15.

Fact Card 3: Who was the first voting Hispanic member of Congress? For which state?



Fact Card 6: Rita Moreno was only the third person to win which set of awards?

Fact Card 7: What are three kinds of crops that come from Latin America?

Fact Card 8: Óscar de la Renta was a citizen of both the United States and...

Fact Card 9: Who was the first Hispanic American woman in space? When?

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Fact Card 10: Luis Alvarez and his son were the first people to do what?

Fact Card 11: What does *mosquito* mean in the original Spanish?

Fact Card 12: When was the first Hispanic American appointed to the Supreme Court?



Fact Card 15: What percent of the total U.S. population has Mexican ancestry?

Fact Card 16: How many gold medals did Carmelo Anthony help the U.S. win?

Fact Card 17: How much money did Cuba fundraise for the siege of Yorktown?

Fact Card 18: Give an example of a Latin American country that is not Hispanic.

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Ellen Ochoa; 1993

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accept either: Brazil or Haiti