

Hispanic Heritage

Course Overview I-III

Ignite your students' curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of Hispanic heritage with our engaging mini-course, designed specifically for grades 6-12. Each iteration of this course includes 10 engaging lessons exploring the rich and diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic Americans. Covering key figures like civil rights activists César Chávez and Sylvia Mendez, public servants like Sonia Sotomayor and Marco Rubio, and cultural icons like Lin-Manuel Miranda, Sandra Cisneros, Roberto Alomar, Mónica Puig, Chayanne, and the Estefan's, this course offers a well-rounded perspective. Students will also learn about important celebrations like Hispanic Heritage Month, quinceañeras, and Cinco de Mayo. This course provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the vibrant past and explore the ongoing impact of Hispanic heritage, empowering your students to become informed and engaged global citizens.

Hispanic Heritage I

Lesson Title	Summary
Say Hola to Hispanic Heritage Month!	September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. During this time, the cultures and contributions of Hispanic Americans are celebrated.
Fiesta! A Few Hispanic Celebrations	Hispanic culture has special celebrations, and this lesson explains two of them: the quinceañera and Cinco de Mayo.
Hispanic Food: A Melting Pot of Culture and History	Hispanic culture is widespread and diverse, so it should come as no surprise that Hispanic food is just as varied and steeped in history.
Helping Justice and Fairness Grow: César Chávez and Sylvia Mendez	Civil rights activists César Chávez and Sylvia Mendez have worked for fairness and equality in the workplace and education.
Devoted Public Servants Living the American Dream	Both children of immigrants, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Senator Marco Rubio have established themselves as Hispanic American leaders.

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Making Their Mark	Ellen Ochoa and Luis von Ahn are two Hispanic Americans who have made their mark in science and technology.
The Creative Work of Lin-Manuel Miranda and Sandra Cisneros	Lin-Manuel Miranda and Sandra Cisneros are Hispanic Americans in the arts. This lesson provides details about their successful careers.
Hispanics in Hollywood: George Lopez and Rita Moreno Represent!	George Lopez and Rita Moreno have become representatives of Hispanic America in pop culture.
Bringing Their A Game	Roberto Alomar, a baseball star, and Mónica Puig, a tennis champion, are two exceptional Hispanic American athletes who were born in Puerto Rico.
Hispanic Representation in Music: Chayanne and the Estefans	For this lesson about Hispanic Heritage, learn about some superstars in the American music industry: Chayanne and Gloria and Emilio Estefan.

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What It Means to Be Hispanic	The world's Hispanic population comprises several populations connected to one another across continents and over time.
Some Uniquely Mexican Holidays	Mexican holidays, like Day of the Dead, are a unique mixture of Aztec traditions, Christian practices, and Mexican history.
Colombia: Land of a Thousand Rhythms	Colombia is a land with a rich culture that includes the Carnival of Barranquilla and a musical heritage that goes back for generations.
"Pura Vida!" Living the Good Life Is Just Part of Costa Rica's Unique Culture	Costa Rica's rich culture includes horse parades, wildlife, and Boruca masks.
Guatemala Up Close	Guatemala is the land of musical marimbas, colorful woven textiles, spirited fiestas, and a history that dates back to the ancient Maya.
Uruguay: The Land of Fútbol and Gauchos	The national identity of Uruguay draws from its champion fútbol team and its folk hero cowboys, known as gauchos.
The Social Culture of Argentina	Argentina may have gotten its name from the Latin word for silver, but its traditions are pure gold.
The Sights and Sounds of Chile: Fireworks, Teatime, and Legends	Learn about Chile's unique culture, including its New Year's traditions and popular legends.
Peru: The Heart of the Inca Empire	Peru was once the center of the world to the ancient Inca. Today, the country's colorful festivals bring to life its connection to the past.
In Venezuela, Family Comes First	Some of the most traditional elements of Venezuelan culture include baseball, family, and hallacas!

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The History of Puerto Rico: A Search for Identity	The people of Puerto Rico were granted American citizenship in 1917, and many have migrated to the United States, creating a strong community there.
Dr. Antonia Pantoja: Puerto Rican Educator and Advocate	Dr. Antonia Pantoja was an advocate, teacher, and community leader who never stopped fighting for educational equality.
Meet Dr. Miguel Cardona, Barrier Breaker and Educational Superhero	Miguel Cardona believes in the power of public schools. In kindergarten, he didn't speak English. In 2021, he became the U.S. secretary of education.
A Fiesta of Puerto Rican Flavors	Puerto Rico is known for its flavorful cuisine, which has been influenced by cultures around the world.
Washington Heights: Little Dominican Republic	Since the 1960s, the Washington Heights section of New York City has been the home-away-from-home for immigrants from the Dominican Republic.
The Merengue Keeps Stepping into the Future	Merengue music and dance styles are rooted in Dominican culture. Over time, they've become popular around the world.
The Dominican Republic: Baseball Shines Bright	Baseball has been the heart and passion of the Dominican Republic since the 1800s. The sport is not only a pastime but also a lifestyle.
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Ends Mexican American War	After the Mexican American War, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo had a significant impact on Mexico's border with the U.S.
To Serve the People—An Interview with Congresswoman Linda Sánchez	An interview with Congresswoman Linda Sánchez shows her dedication to helping young people with bullying, staying in school, immigration, and more.
Mexican Folk Art: A Celebration of Culture	There is a rich tradition of Mexican folk art within the United States, including the art forms of murals, piñatas, and shrines.