



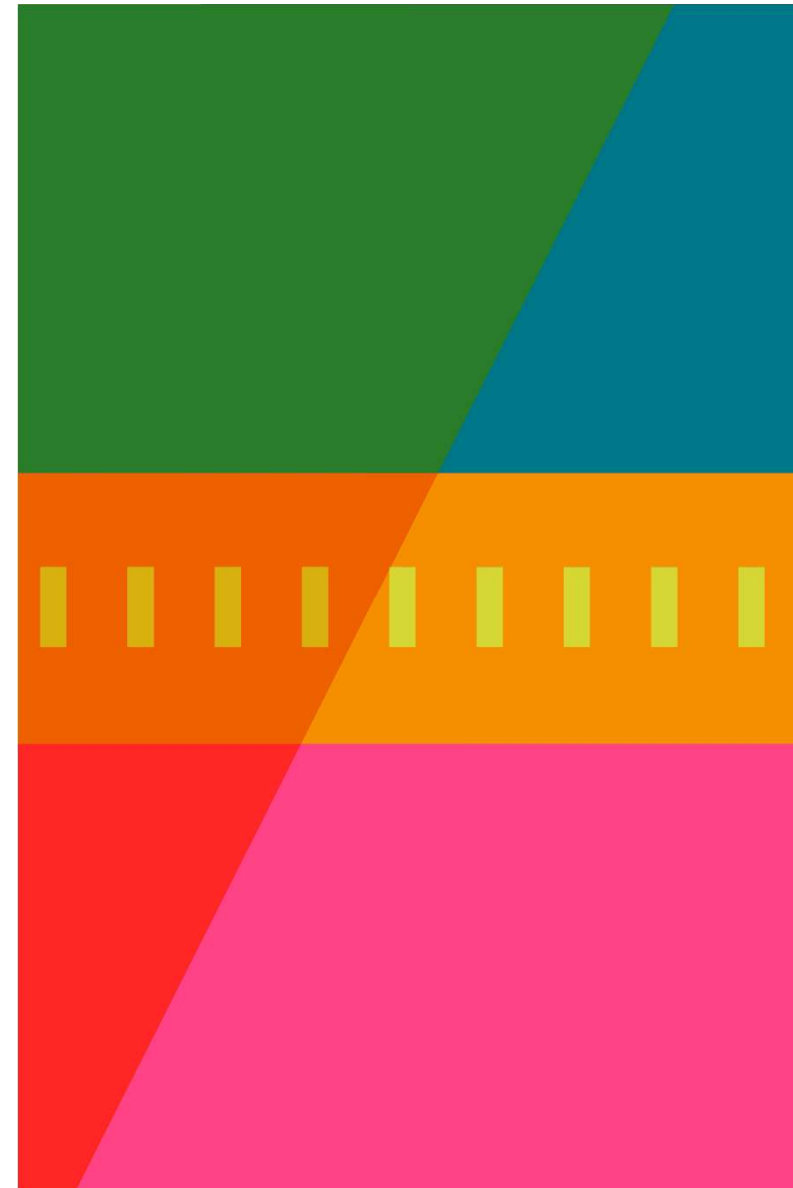
Hispanic and Latin American's Heritage and Contributions to our Society

Introduction

Hispanic Americans come from a wide range of backgrounds and nationalities. Mexican Americans form the largest Hispanic subgroup, and also the oldest. Mexican Americans, especially those who are here illegally, are at the center of a national debate about immigration.

Mexican immigrants experience relatively low rates of economic and civil assimilation, which is most likely compounded by the fact that many of them are illegally in the country.

By contrast, Cuban Americans are often seen as a model minority group within the larger Hispanic group. As with Asian Americans, however, being a model minority can mask the issue of powerlessness that these minority groups face in U.S. society.



Geography

- Latin America is divided up into several regions: North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.
- Add a map or make a list of the countries that make up Latin America.



Interesting facts

Here are some interesting facts about Hispanic and Latino Cultures:

- Latino/a refers to people that are from or are descendent from Latin America. Not all Latinos speak Spanish. Some Latinos speak Portuguese and French.
- Hispanic refers to people who share a common language—Spanish.
- People who identify as Hispanic or Latino can be from any race or background.

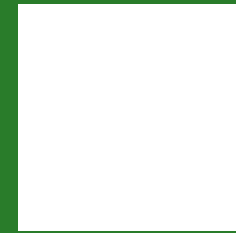
Some People and Things You Should Know:



Dolores Huerta worked to improve social and economic conditions for farmworkers.



Rita Moreno won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony.



Gloria Estefan sold over 100 million albums worldwide.

Arts and literature

Art and literature that are significant to the Hispanic and Latin Heritage. Here are a few examples:

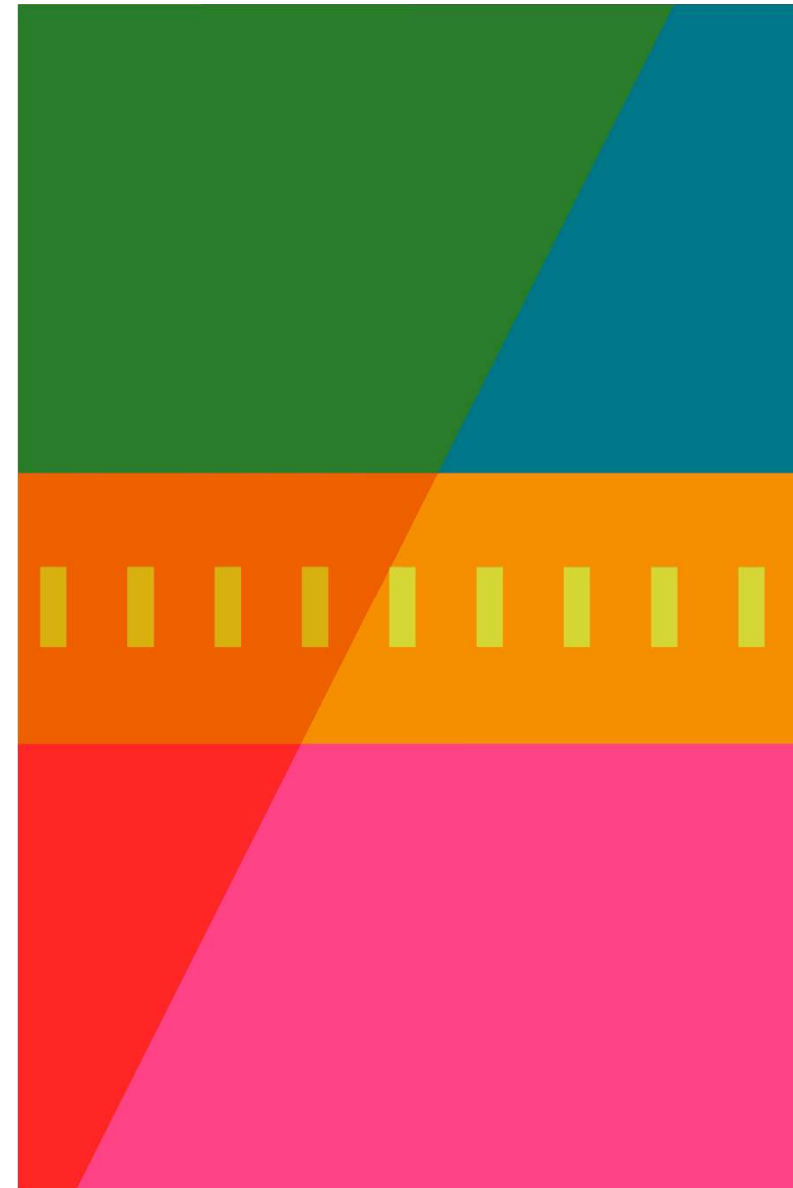
- The writings of Nobel prize winner Gabriel García Márquez
- The music of Grammy winner Celia Cruz
- The art of Frida Kahlo



How to celebrate

List some ways you can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Here are a few examples:

- Discover Hispanic/Latino artists
- Read Hispanic/Latino authors
- Listen to Hispanic/Latino music
- Learn Hispanic/Latino-American history





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**You are required to write an essay about
your understanding of the culture.**

