



Latinx Heritage Month, also referred to as Hispanic Heritage Month, is an official celebration of American citizens whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Central and South America. This celebration officially starts on September 15th and ends on October 15th every year.

The celebration starts in the middle of the month, as opposed to the beginning of September because the 15th marks the independence days of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile, and Belize follow shortly after, on the 16th, 18th and 21st. Throughout this month we pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who made various contributions positively impacting our nation as well as our society. It first started out as just a week-long celebration in 1968. In 1988 it expanded to a whole four weeks for the celebration of being Latinx.

Schools that would like to have their virtual work showcased at our November Board meeting, please inform Ms. Taina Pou no later than October 30th.

Examples of student presentations can be the following:

- Student Poetry
- Art Display/Projects
- Slideshow Presentation
- Songs

*Please refrain from group presentations which would require students to have physical contact with one another



Latinx Heritage Month Activities

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm>

Scholastic's home page for Hispanic heritage resources, which includes information on famous Hispanics/Latinos, games, Teacher's Guide and a Research Starter providing recommended research topics.

Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com/hispanic-heritage-month/>

Learn about famous Hispanic Americans or test your knowledge of Hispanic/Latino/Spanish history. Take a Brain Quest quiz on Spanish culture, Latin geography or famous Hispanic Americans.

Hispanic Heritage Month

<https://www.hispanicmonth.net/>

Website dedicated to celebrating Hispanic Heritage. Provides fun facts, an array of activities, useful links, and a calendar of events.

Library of Congress/Hispanic Heritage Month

<http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

Hosted by the Library of Congress, this site provides a myriad of resources (articles, videos, webcasts, and audio files) to help celebrate Hispanic and Latino heritage.

Make a Paper Mache Bowl

<http://www.kid-at-art.com/htdoc/lesson37.html>

In Hispanic cultures, clay bowls often conveyed history.

NEA/National Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for Grades K-12

<https://www.nea.org/resource-library/hispanic-heritage-month>

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month by trying out some of these lessons, activities, videos, and more.

PBS/Hispanic Heritage Month

<http://www.pbs.org/special/hispanic-heritage-month/>

Videos covering Hispanic history, music, current issues, and interviews with notable Hispanics



Scholastic/24 Great Ideas for Hispanic Heritage Month

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/month-ideas-celebrating-hispanic-heritage/>

Celebrate Hispanic culture — and diversity in general — by studying the Mayan alphabet, dancing to the merengue, adopting an international sister city, and more!

Scholastic/Bring Hispanic Heritage Month to Life: A Collection of Resources

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/bring-hispanic-heritage-month-life-collection-resources>

Celebrate the cultures and traditions of Hispanic Americans. Study the contributions of Hispanic artists and writers and learn more about holidays and celebrations. Contains several activities and unit plans.

Smithsonian Education

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/hispanic_resources.html

Each year, the Smithsonian honors Hispanic Heritage Month with a calendar full of activities. This site contains lessons and interactive exhibitions celebrating Hispanic people and history. Additionally, for Hispanic Heritage Month, Smithsonian Folkways offers free music and videos from Latin American and from Hispanic communities in the U.S. A student activity is included.

The Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR)

<http://shhar.net/>

SHHAR (pronounced "share") is a non-profit volunteer organization with the specific goal of helping Hispanics research their family history. Includes links to many other sites for additional help in genealogical research.

United States Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2020/hispanic-heritage-month.html>

Part of the Census Bureau's Facts for Features series providing facts and statistics on the Hispanic population in the United States.

What Does My Heritage Mean to Me?

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/heritage.htm>

In this Scholastic resource, a handful of Americans explain what Hispanic heritage means to them. Lesson plans included



Additional Related Websites for Teachers

<https://www.woojr.com/hispanic-heritage-month-activities-for-children/>

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/for-teachers/>

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/month-ideas-celebrating-hispanic-heritage/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/latinx-heritage-month-begins-20293.html>

<https://www.teachervision.com/holidays/hispanic-heritage-month>

<https://www.gpb.org/blogs/education-matters/2020/09/09/hispanic-heritage-month-resources-for-teachers-parents-kids>