



Hispanic Heritage Month Resource List from the MSDE Equity Network

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Dear Title I Directors and Coordinators—

This year, the Maryland State Department of Education Title I Department will highlight *Equity, Excellence, and Access*. An important step in fostering Equity is understanding the cultural diversity represented in our schools and communities. As one way to foster an appreciation of the different cultural groups that make up the United States, we plan to send you resources about federally-recognized months that celebrate different groups.

Resources on celebratory months give all of us the opportunity to engage in a deeper study of the various cultures and ethnicities that make up America. September 15th through October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. We hope you will take this opportunity to learn more about, and share with others, information about the contributions of the various cultures that are called Hispanic. (Special thanks to Dr. Mary Howlett-Brandon for these resources.)

A Brief Overview of the Beginnings of Hispanic Heritage Month:

The observation of the contributions of Hispanic people started in 1968 under Lyndon B. Johnson as a week and was expanded to 30 days by Ronald Reagan in 1988. The celebration starts on September 15 because several Latin American countries celebrate their independence on this day. These countries are: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st.

People who consider themselves Hispanic or Latino are descended from residents of Puerto Rico, Central or South America, the Caribbean or other Spanish cultures. According to the 2010 census, Hispanics comprised 17% of the U.S. population or 55 million residents.

Some Links to Activities and Websites:

U.S. Census Bureau (most recent data available from the Census): <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2017/hispanic-heritage.html>

Website by Hispanic Heritage Month: <http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/>

Library of Congress: <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

Time Magazine: <http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/0,28757,2008201,00.html>

Time (Time magazine) for kids (free printables): <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/846184217456783642/>

<http://time.com/4943371/what-is-hispanic-heritage-month/>

Smithsonian: <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/hispanic-heritage.php>

Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/hispanic-heritage.php>

Pew Research: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2014/09/16/11-facts-for-national-hispanic-heritage-month/>

Smithsonian Learning Labs: <https://learninglab.si.edu/collections/hispanic-heritage-month-understanding-the-american-experience/RAHk9dUFayuNA7p6#r>

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

The History Channel:

Did Columbus really discover America?
<http://www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day>

The Treaty of Paris & the Spanish American War:
<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/treaty-of-paris-ends-spanish-american-war>

Additional Resources:

Teacher Vision (a pay service):
<https://www.teachervision.com/hispanic-heritage-month/south-america/6629.html>

Diversity Inc.: https://www.diversityinc.com/diversity-management/hispanic-heritage?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIImZXO_7H-3AIVCj0MCh3_KAkrEAAAYAiAAEgJfBPD_BwE

National Education Association (resources from a number of sites):

<http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/hispanic-heritage-month.html>

The 2018 Presidential Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-national-hispanic-heritage-month-2018/>

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