MSCS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023 RESOURCE GUIDE

The Social Studies Team of Memphis-Shelby County Schools is providing a list of resources designed to support teachers and students in participating in conversations with their students about Hispanic Heritage Month. We recognize that students need opportunities to discuss and investigate diversity, and we want to assist teachers in facilitating these opportunities.

This guide includes suggested teacher resources, student resources, discussion questions, and links to other relevant resources. Social Studies teachers are encouraged to use the skills embedded within the Tennessee Social Studies Practices to analyze primary and secondary sources referenced throughout the guide.

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RESOURCES

K-5 | LA FAMILIA (LESSON PLAN)
This site shares a lesson plan that charges students to identify at least one country where the Spanish language is spoken and describe similarities and differences between Spanish, Mexican, and Puerto Rican families.

K-5 | MEXICAN FOLK ART: AMATE PAINTINGS
This site includes simple lessons for students to learn about Mexican Folk Art and opportunities for students to make Mexican Folk Art.

K-5 | HISPANIC HERITAGE VIDEO OF YOUNG DISNEY STARS
This site contains video of several Disney stars who share details about their Hispanic heritage and their families' experiences of living in the United States.

K-5 | HISPANIC HERITAGE VIDEO NARRATED BY YOUNG CHILDREN(NICKELODEON CELEBREATES)
This site contains a video of several young children and teens who share details about their Hispanic heritage and their families' experiences of living in the United States.

K-12 | HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROJECT
This site focuses on a Hispanic Heritage month Project. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th every year to recognize the achievements of Hispanics. Students are tasked with creating a project presentation honoring a Hispanic person who has contributed to our society. The Hispanic honoree can be a man or a woman who has made a difference in the arts, entertainment, sports, world affairs, human rights, or history.

K-12 | HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (NEA)
This site focuses on various Hispanic Heritage Month activities. It charges teachers and students to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month with the various lessons, activities, videos, and more.

3-12 | WHO ARE LATINOS? (LESSON PLAN)
In this lesson plan, drawing on material from *Latino Americans*, students consider their own preconceptions of Latinos, view a trailer for the documentary series *Latino Americans,* and identify new topics questions to investigate further.

4-12 | LATINO/ HISPANIC HERITAGE RESOURCE PACKET
This resource consists of facts about Hispanic and Latino heritage and history. It also provides a list of famous U.S. Latinos and poems with teaching suggestions that can be used in mini lessons.

6-12 | LATINO AMERICANS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES (LESSON PLAN)
In this lesson, students will meet three Latino Americans—a Broadway producer, writer, and performer; a television and film actor and producer; and an astronaut—who have conversations with host Maria Hinojosa on her program *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One.* All three have overcome challenges related to their ethnic identity and achieved their dreams. Students will also learn how a strong self-identity can help people of all backgrounds reach their goals.

6-12 | A LATINX RESOURCE GUIDE: CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND EVENTS IN THE UNITED STATES
This research guide from the Hispanic Reading Room at the Library of Congress focuses on 20th and 21st century court cases, legislation, and events that had important impacts on civil rights in Chicana/o/x, Hispanic, Latina/o/x, Mexican-American, and Puerto Rican communities the United States. Each page provides an overview and timeline of a civil rights topic and some breadth of research material for further study at the Library of Congress or your local library. The facts presented draw from Library of Congress materials and external sources listed.

6-12 | UNITE AND OVERCOME (ARTICLE)
This site shares an article/interview with Elizabeth Martinez. It focuses on her interest in the civil rights movement and the portrayal of Latinos in curriculum.