Hispanic Heritage Month
Hispanic Heritage Month Elementary Teaching Resources

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This pack has been created by teachers, for teachers. In it you’ll find high quality teaching resources to help your students celebrate Hispanic and Latino American culture and heritage.

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• Have you ever eaten plantains, an empanada, a tamale, or salsa? If so, then you have tasted some of the food of Hispanic or Latino people.

• Beyond delicious food, Hispanic and Latino people have made many contributions to United States culture and history.

• National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of people who have ancestors that come from Mexico, Central America, South America, Spain, and the Caribbean.

• We celebrate from September 15th to October 15th.

• During the month there are many events such as festivals that honor Hispanic culture.

Ideas for Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

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• Try your hand at some artwork. You could make migajon miniatures from Ecuador or Ponce carnival masks from Puerto Rico.

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President Johnson founded the celebration in 1968. Each year, the celebration lasted for a week. In 1988, President Regan expanded it to cover September 15th to October 15th. September 15th was selected as the start of the celebration because it is Independence Day for several Latin American countries including El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Costa Rica.

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Rosa’s school is having a culture day. Her mom made her a traditional dress to wear.

What are some other things Rosa could share about her culture?
Rosa could share **music, art, dancing, or food** from Mexico.

**What did you think of?**

**What are some of your family’s cultural traditions?**
Rosa’s family is attending an international festival. Rosa is dressing up in traditional Mexican clothing.

What are some other ways she might share her culture at the festival?
She could share **music, art, dancing, or food** from Mexico.

**What are some of your family’s cultural traditions?**
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**Accept all correct responses. A sample response is shown.**

**Country:** Costa Rica

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