

# Latinos in the United States

Cesar Chavez



**Mexican-American Civil Rights Activist.** Chávez dedicated his life to improving the treatment, pay, and working conditions for farm workers. He co-founded the National Farm Workers Association. He led boycotts, marches, and hunger strikes to bring attention to his causes.

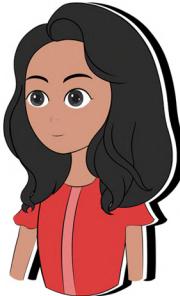
Jaime Escalante



**Calculus Teacher**

Escalante taught math to troubled high school students. He became famous for leading many of them to pass the Advanced Placement Calculus test. A movie was made about him in 1988, titled "Stand and Deliver."

Dolores Huerta



**Co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association.** Huerta and César Chávez organized migrant workers to improve their life. They formed the National Farm Workers Association. She used the saying, "Yes we can", which President Obama picked up for his campaign.

Ellen Ochoa



**First Latina Astronaut.**

Ochoa made history when she served on a 9-day mission to space aboard the shuttle Discovery. She went on four different space missions and spent over 950 hours in space.

Nydia Velazquez



**First Puerto Rican woman to serve in Congress.**

Velázquez, also known as "la Luchadora", champions human rights and civil rights of the Puerto Rican people. She is still fighting in Congress today. Nydia was the chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus until 2011.



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### Octaviano Larrazolo



#### First Hispanic U.S. Senator.

In 1928, Larrazolo, was elected the first Hispanic Senator in U.S. history. He was born in Mexico, but immigrated to the U.S. as a boy and grew up in New Mexico. He was a powerful influence for Hispanic rights in New Mexico and then in the Senate.

### Roberto Clemente



#### Baseball Great & Humanitarian.

Clemente had a stunning career with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He played 15 All-Star Games, and reached 3000 hits. He also donated time and money to help poor people in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### Rita Moreno



#### Actress, singer, and dancer.

Moreno was a star of "The Electric Company". She is one of the very few artists to have won all four major American entertainment awards: an Oscar, an Emmy, a Grammy and a Tony. She won the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004.

### Sonia Sotomayor



#### First Latina Supreme Court Judge

Sotomayor's family was poor, but she worked hard and became a respected lawyer and judge. She served on the Board of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense/Education Fund and other non-profits. President Obama appointed her to the Supreme Court in 2009.

### Sylvia Mendez



#### Civil Rights Activist.

When Mendez was a child, her family sued the all-white school that would not let her attend. They won the lawsuit, which helped end school segregation. She has spent her life fighting for Hispanic children.



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# Some Games You Can Play

**Concentration** - Can be played alone or in pairs.

1. Print and cut out two sets of cards and turn them all face down so you have a big square of 20 (4 x 5 grid). There will be 2 cards for each person.
2. One child turns over one of the cards and says the name of the person.
3. The second child (or the same child, if he or she is playing alone) turns over another card to try and find a match. When someone finds a match, he or she keeps the 2 cards.
4. It may take several turns to find a match. Take turns playing until all the cards have been collected.
5. Whoever finds the most matches is the winner.

\* Note: At the beginning of the game, it is pure guessing. When a card has been turned over once, children have to concentrate to remember where they saw that card in order to make a pair.

**Trading Cards** - Can be played in pairs.

1. Use two sets of cards.
2. Each child gets one set of cards.
3. Both children look at their cards and decide which one they want to trade first.
4. The first child asks a question about the person on her card, for example, "Who was the first Latina in space?"
5. If the second child answers correctly, she gets to collect that card. She puts the pair of cards in a pile in front of her.
6. Whoever has the most pairs wins.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Jeopardy** - Can be played in pairs or small groups. Kids will need to have learned about each person in order to be able to succeed at this game.

1. Use only one set of cards.
2. Place them face down in a line. One child chooses a card and says either one fact about the person on the card. For example, "She is known for the saying, 'Sí, se puede!'" or "He taught Calculus."
3. The other kid(s) call out a question with the person's name, for example, "Who is Dolores Huerta?" or "Who is Jaime Escalante?"
4. If the child uses the correct name, he gets to keep the card. But, if the correct name is not in the form of a question, he does not get to keep the card and the next child takes a turn.

**ENJOY!**