Hispanic Heritage Month Flash Cards

Instructions: Cut along the dotted lines and fold each card in half to test your knowledge of these influential people and their achievements.

- Labor leader who cofounded the National Farm Workers Association to improve conditions for migrant workers
- Leader of a boycott that resulted in California recognizing farmworkers' rights to bargain for better pay and working conditions

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Dolores Huerta
Born 1930

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- Experimental physicist who worked on the atom bomb in the 1940s and later theorized that dinosaurs went extinct due to a meteor crash
- Winner of the Nobel Prize for physics (1968)

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Luis W. Alvarez
1911–1988

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- Chilean poet
- First Latin American author to win the Nobel Prize for literature (1945)

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Gabriela Mistral
1889–1957

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- Mexican American civil rights activist
- Leader of the Chicano land-rights movement from the 1950s to the 1970s

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Reies Tijerina
1926–2015

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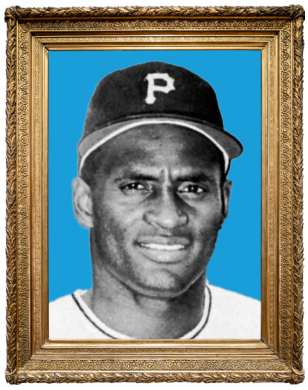

- Award-winning Puerto Rican baseball player
- First Latin American player inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame (1973)

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Roberto Clemente
1934–1972

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- Activist for women's voting rights
- First female superintendent of public schools in Santa Fe, NM, and first Hispanic woman to run for U.S. Congress

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Nina Otero-Warren
1881–1965

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- Supreme court justice
- First Hispanic person and third woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court

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Sonia Sotomayor
Born 1954

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- Olympic gymnast who won a team gold medal and an individual silver medal on the balance beam
- New Jersey Hall of Fame inductee (2018)

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Laurie Hernandez
Born 2000

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- First Hispanic woman astronaut
- Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom (2024)

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Ellen Ochoa
Born 1958

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- Puerto Rican singer and songwriter
- Six-time Grammy Award winner

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Bad Bunny
Born 1994

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- Ecuadorian-born American immigration reform activist
- Advocate for Dreamers, undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children

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Gaby Pacheco
Born 1985

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- Emmy-winning Mexican American journalist
- Anchor of a nightly Spanish-language newscast for nearly 40 years

Jorge Ramos
Born 1958

- Dominican-born fashion designer
- Recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America (1990)

Oscar de la Renta
1932–2014

- Cuban American singer
- Known as the "Queen of Salsa"

Celia Cruz
1925–2003

- First Hispanic performer to win an EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awards)
- Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom (2004)

Rita Moreno
Born 1931

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