



Grades 3+

Hispanic Americans

Arts and Entertainment



Celebrate Hispanic American Month by learning about important Hispanic people in the history of the Americas. They have made a positive difference and influenced our society today. Read the clues and complete the matching.



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____ 3.) Known as the “March King”, this famous American composer and bandmaster got his start at age 13 as an apprentice in the Marine Band next to his father who played trombone. He studied many instruments including violin and trombone. He led the Marine Band from 1880-1892. Later his civilian band was the first to take a tour around the world. He composed the official march of the United States, “The Stars and Stripes Forever.”

____ 4.) This artist is known for her self-portraits which were influenced by pre-Columbian and Mexican folk art. Most of her life she lived in pain due to serious injuries she sustained as a teenager in a bus accident. Her work has been described as “surrealist”, and she has been applauded for her realistic portrayal of women and their experiences.

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____ 7.) This performer was known as the “Top Latin Performer of the 1990’s.” She had 14 top-ten hits on the Latin charts. Her first album was released when she was only 12 years old. By the time of her death at age 23, she was known as the Queen of Tejano Music.

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