

Hispanic Heritage Month Web Activity

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because the date marks the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico's Independence day is September 16 and Chile's is September 18.

Go to <http://ln.infoplease.com/ipa/A0779064.html>

1. What was the total Hispanic population of the United States in 2000?
2. What percentage of that was of Mexican origin?
3. What was the second largest group?

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1. In the 2005 Census what was the total population of the United States?
2. What was the total Hispanic or Latino population?
3. What percentage was the Hispanic population of the total in 2005?

Go to <http://ln.infoplease.com/spot/spanishnames.html>

1. What was the first permanent settlement in the U.S.? When was it founded? Who founded it?
2. Name two places in the U.S. named for the Spanish word for poplar.
3. Why was Alcatraz given its name?
4. What does *Boca Raton* mean?
5. Where does California get its name?
6. What does the word *cañaveral* mean?
7. Where does Colorado get its name?
8. What does the passage of El Paso connect?
9. What does *Florida* mean? Why was it named that?
10. What has been found in the tar pits at La Brea?
11. Where did Las Cruces get its name?
12. What does *Las Vegas* mean?
13. What was the original name of Los Angeles in Spanish? in English?
14. What does *Los Gatos* mean?
15. How did Montana get its name?
16. What does *Nevada* mean?
17. Name two cities in the U.S. named for saints.
18. How did the Sangre de Cristo Mountains get their name?
19. What is the oldest capital city in the United States?

Go to <http://ln.infoplease.com/spot/hhmaccents1.html>

1. What forms of Spanish are usually taught in schools in the U.S.?
2. How many different countries have Spanish as their language?
3. What part of the United States has Spanish as one of its official languages?
4. How did Latin American Spanish come to the colonies?
5. What is the Spanish of Madrid and northern Spain called?
6. What is Trade Winds Spanish? Where is it spoken?
7. What other language has influenced the Spanish of Buenos Aires and parts of Uruguay?
8. What is the separate language which blends that language with Spanish?