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Latinx Biographies and Social Activism: An Untold Latinx History

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This unit centers around the study of Latinx biographies and social movements. The unit will focus on three types of Latinx figures, activists, celebrities, and athletes and will allow heritage students to see themselves represented in U.S. History. Heritage students will be able to work on their critical reading, writing and language skills through storytelling and presentations in the target language. The unit is intended to empower Heritage students to tell their own stories and use their collective voice to make changes in their lives. This unit was written for 12th grade Heritage Spanish class but can be suited for Levels 3-6 Spanish classes or U.S. History classes.

(Developed for Heritage Spanish 1, grade 12; recommended for Heritage Spanish, grade 12, and Spanish, grades 9-12)

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