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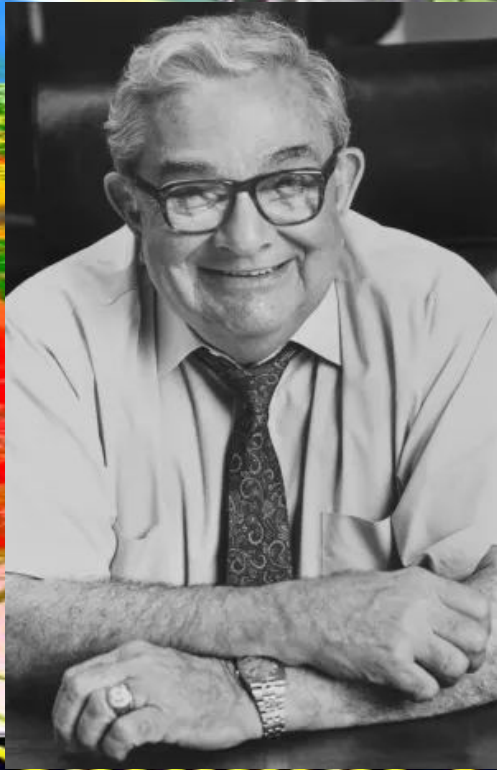
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# Contributions in History



Hispanic Heritage Month actually began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by **California Congressman George E. Brown**. The push to recognize the contributions of the Latinx community had gained momentum throughout the 1960s when the civil rights movement was at its peak and there was a growing awareness of the United States' multicultural identities.

# Trail Blazers in History


The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. September 15 was chosen as the kickoff because it coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five “Central American neighbors,” as Johnson called them—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821.



*Immigrants celebrating traditional festival of San Juan, in New York City, 1962.*



## National Hispanic Heritage Month



National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the achievements, contributions, culture, and history of Hispanic and Latinx American people. The month-long celebration begins on September 15 commemorating the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

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# Latin America



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## Historian Slide Show

Born in Los Angeles and raised in La Mesa, California, Ellen Ochoa, PhD, was the first Hispanic woman in space.



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**JOSÉ CLEMENTE OROZCO (1883 – 1949)**

helped usher in an important era of Mexican muralism that encouraged unity in the country after the Mexican Revolution.

**THE MAGIC ROOM**

**Patssi Valdez**

1994  
acrylic on canvas

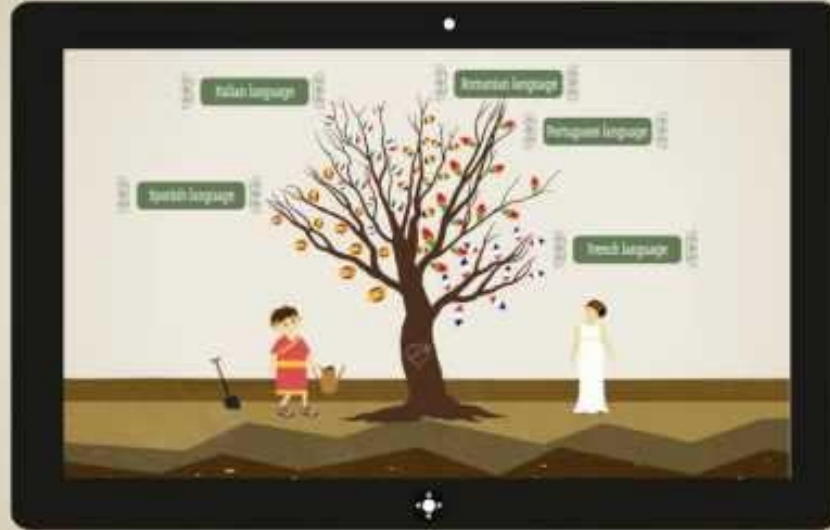
Frida Kahlo was a Mexican painter known for her many portraits, self-portraits, and works inspired by the nature and artifacts of Mexico.

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# History of Spanish Language



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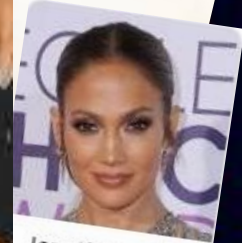




# Hispanic Actors & Actresses



Eva Longoria



Jennifer Lopez



Zoe Saldana



Rosario Dawson



America Ferrera



Rita Moreno



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# CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Día de los Muertos, or **Day of the Dead**, is a **celebration** of life and death. While the holiday originated in Mexico, it is **celebrated** all over Latin America with colorful **calaveras** (skulls) and **calacas** (skeletons).



1200 x 675



The Virgen de la Candelaria, Patron Saint of Copacabana (Bolivia) is the most revered saint in **Peru** and **Bolivia**, and the festival to honour her, the most elaborate event in the calendar of either country. Endless parades, music, traditional dancing, ornate costumes, and intricate masks are at the forefront of the two-week festivities at the beginning of February, with an abundance of food and drinks offered to all who attend.



**Carnival** is a Western Christian festive season that occurs before the liturgical season of Lent.<sup>[2]</sup> The main events typically occur during February or early March, during the period, historically known as **Shrovetide** (or Pre-Lent). Carnival typically involves public celebrations, including events such as **parades**, public street parties and other entertainments, combining some elements of a circus.

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