

## Hispanic Heritage Month *September 15-October 15*

### Famous Hispanic Americans

Name at least 10 famous firsts from Hispanic Americans that you find interesting.

1. nombre: Severo Ochoa

qué ha hecho: Gano "The Nobel Prize" en 1959.

2. nombre: Desi Arnaz

qué ha hecho: Desi fue el primero grande actor de televisión

3. nombre: José Quintero

qué ha hecho: Fue el primero ganar un "Tony" para "Best Director" en 1973.

4. nombre: Bill Richardson

qué ha hecho: He was the first Hispanic democrat to run for President in 2008.

5. nombre: Alberto Gonzales

qué ha hecho: Fue el primero U.S. Attorney General en 2005.

6. nombre: Romana Acosta Bañuelos

qué ha hecho: Fue la primera hispanic "U.S. Treasurer".

7. nombre: Edwardo Hidalgo

qué ha hecho: He was the first Hispanic Navy Secretary.

8. nombre: José Ferrer

qué ha hecho: Recibió el Oscar para *Cyrano de Bergerac* en 1950.

9. nombre: Rita Moreno

qué ha hecho: Recibió el Oscar para "Best Supporting Actress" en *West Side Story* en 1961.

10. nombre: Esteban Bellán

qué ha hecho: Fue el primero "Major League Baseball player" para el Troy Haymakers en 1871.

List 5 words with Spanish origin and their meanings.

1. Bonanza- "prosperity"

2. Bronco- "course"

3. Nevada- "snowy"

4. patio- "an open paved area adjacent to a home"

5. platinum- "little silver"

What is the most common Spanish dialect taught in the U.S. and where does it originate from?

A: Latin American is the most common dialect taught in the United States and it originated from Latin America.

What is "trade winds" Spanish and how does it differ from other dialects of Spanish?

A: "Trade winds" Spanish is the dialect that is used in the Caribbean, southern Spain, and the coastal areas of Latin America. It is different because the speakers drop the "s" sound on the ends of words which allows them to talk at a more rapid pace. It can be recognized also through its relative informality.

How does Argentinian Spanish differ from other dialects of Spanish? Where is the origination and what makes it different?

A: Argentinian Spanish is characterized by strong Guaraní. It originated in Paraguay but while it is written similarly to other dialects it is spoken differently.

What is Castilian Spanish and how is it different than other dialects of Spanish?

A: Castilian is the Spanish of Madrid and northern Spain and it never reached the New World with the explorers. In Castilian the "ci" and "ce" of the Spanish language change to "th" so many words are pronounced differently.