# A Month Of Hispanic/Latino Countryhumans

# 2025 Edition Master Doc

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"It is through art that we will prevail and we will endure. It lives on after us and defines us as people."

- Rita Moreno

# A note from Angel:

Welcome to the second year of Countryhumans Hispanic Heritage Month!

I know this year hasn't been easy for any of us, but creating art and sharing stories is still a wonderful way to connect and keep spirits high. In a time when AI threatens to cheapen creativity and history is so often overlooked or devalued, it feels more important than ever to carve out space for joy, imagination, and community.

Last year, each country got its own day, but this time around, I wanted to switch things up. Instead of assigning days to specific nations, each prompt is abstract and theme-based. This gives everyone more freedom to play, interpret, and create however they like, with whatever character or idea comes to mind.

I'm also expanding the scope to include Latino countries this year (and not just Brazil ••).

The idea is simple: celebrate Hispanic and Latino heritage in whatever way speaks to you. Want to pour your heart into history? Go for it. Want to doodle silly AUs? Perfect.

Want to draw 30 days of Uruguay all month? Honestly, have fun.

However, if you still wish to do a different character each day, here's a list of who's considered Latino and Hispanic!

Of course, Spanish-speaking countries (Hispanic) are still the main focus of the event, but Latinos are welcome as well!

Have fun!

- Angel, Out

Have questions? Check the FAQ, and my blog is HERE, and you can shoot me an ask!

# **FAQ**

# What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

- First enacted into law on August 17, 1988, this is a US based National Heritage Month. It celebrates Hispanic cultures and the contributions of Hispanic Americans.
- Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate their anniversary of independence on September 15; Mexico commemorates its independence on September 16; Chile commemorates its independence on September 18; and the celebration Columbus Day or Día de la Raza is on October 12.
- This year's theme, according to the US National Archives Website, is "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future".
- Here's the Official National Archives Website for some more info!

# Wow! What is CH Hispanic Heritage Month then?

- While keeping with the original dates of the celebration, this is a celebration of *where* those Hispanic Americans came from! Whether it be Spain, Mexico, or Equatorial Guinea, the Spanish Empire put their grimy fingers on a *lot* of the world. Let's celebrate them!
- This is for the Countryhumans fandom to do something fun, and especially to learn more about the histories of these lovely countries! Eventually I wish to do this for a bunch of different cultures, but this one touches me personally as a Hispanic American!

### Cool, when is it?

• September 15-October 15! (so a little under a month from now)!

#### Who are the mods?

 @aloha-from-angel: (this me) As this is only a little challenge, I am the only one this year, though I KNOW there's a really big Latino side of the CH fandom!

# How do I participate?

- Create art or write a fic and post it online. You can try and create something for every day or only fill one or two prompts. Don't be scared to only do one thing!
- As always, we want to reassure you that it's perfectly okay not to do every prompt! We just hope
  to have lovely pieces to share on each day.

#### But I can't draw or write! What can I do? :<

 That's totally fine! Do whatever you want for this month. Hell, a list of headcanons for the countries on the day would be completely allowed! You get to have fun here

# Where are the prompts?

YOU ARE HERE! Scroll down!

# How should I tag my work?

The easiest way for us to find your work so we can reblog it to the Historical Countryhumans community (as well as my blog) is by using the tag "CH Hispanic Heritage Month", "CH HHM 2024" or "CH Hispanic Heritage Month 2024". You must tag one of the three in your first five tags otherwise it doesn't appear in the search. It is also helpful to tag me directly with @aloha-from-angel.

Sometimes even properly tagged posts may not appear when we search the tags, so if you do not see your content reblogged, please let me know.

Once I've reblogged it to this community we add our own tags (a prompt tag and a user tag) for easy organisation. This means we can find all the work for one prompt or all the work from one user in one easy click.

Also tag all characters within the work!

# Can I post my stuff in other places online too?

Of course you can! Eventually I might make a collection on AO3, so keep posted with this community!

# What Defines Latino/Hispanic?

\*According to the World Population Review: "Hispanic is the language-based term and describes people from Spain or another Spanish-speaking country, including (to most) Equatorial Guinea in Africa, but not Portugal or Brazil (which both speak Portuguese). By comparison, Latino/a/x is location-based and includes anyone whose family originates from Latin America regardless of language spoken. Therefore, Latino includes Brazil, but not Spain or Portugal."

# **Rules**

#### 1. Be Polite!

Disrespect of others for *any reason* will not be tolerated. Y'all, please be kind—uplift each other and celebrate creativity.

#### 2. Follow Platform Rules.

Make sure you're respecting Tumblr's guidelines (or wherever you're posting).

#### 3. NSFW & Sensitive Content.

- **a.** Please don't tag me in smut.
- b. Gore is allowed as long as it's tagged properly and has a community label.
- **c.** Use discretion and be tactful so everyone can enjoy safely!

#### 4. All Work Must Be Your Own.

No art or writing theft, no reposts without credit, and no Al-generated pieces. This challenge is about *your* creativity!

#### 5. Go Wild With It!

While historical events and cultural heritage are the heart of this challenge, you can interpret prompts however you like — silly, serious, AU, fandom-based, whatever sparks joy.

## 6. Flexible Participation.

You do **not** need to complete every prompt. Do one, do five, do thirty, or none! These are suggestions, not homework. The most important rule: **have fun.** 

# **Prompt Calendar**

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Wednesday

Monday

Tuesday

Sunday

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September	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Días de la Independencias Independence days of Costa Rica, El Salvador,	Cuentística/ Storytelling  Mexican Independence Day	Fiesta/Siesta	Bailamos!  Chilean Independence Day	La Moda/Fashion	Deportes/Sport s
	Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Ojos/Eyes	Espiritualidad/ Spirituality	Arte/Art	Instrumentos/ Instruments	Los Flores/ The Flowers	Ninitos/ Little Children	Revolución!
28	29	30	OCTOBER 1	2	3	4
Comidas/Food	Territorios/ Territories	Animales Nacionales	Un Momento Para Llorar	Y Un Momento Para Reir	Amistad/ Friendship	Colores!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lengua / Language	Cicatriz/Scars	Pelo/Hair	Diaspora	Non-Hispanic Formerly Spanish Colonies	Afuera/Outdoor s	Colonial Legacies
12	13	14	15			
Indigenous Peoples	Pride	Family	Latinos: Past, Present, Future			
Columbus Day/Day of the Races						

# **Prompt Notes**

# 1. Días de la Independencias

#### **OR FRCA**

On this day, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrate their anniversary of independence.

The FRCA (The Federal Republic of Central America) declared their independence from Spain on 15 September 1821, were annexed by the First Mexican Empire in January 1822, regained its independence and formed a federal republic in 1823!

You can also use this day for FRCA or independence days in general!

# 2. Cuentística/ Storytelling

#### **OR México**

There's a lot of Spanish literary characters, and a lot of Spanish stories and fables/fairy tales in general. Telling tales, whether through written works or through oral narration, is how humans pass on morals and lessons. So of course storytelling is well and alive in Spanish culture.

Look into some favourite Hispanic stories and use motifs from them, or have your characters tell stories!

#### 3. Fiesta/Siesta

Fiesta means party, and Siesta means sleep.

A "siesta" can refer to the nap itself, or (more generally) a period of the day, around the times of 2 and 5 p.m. This period is used for sleep, as well as leisure, mid-day meals, or other activities.

Contrast is highlighted here! Leisure and party time!

#### 4. Bailamos!

#### **OR Chile**

Most Hispanic countries have a national dance, whether it be de facto or de jure. Dancing is a major part of the culture, and it gives opportunities to draw some really lovely outfits, or to practice describing movement in writing! It's all about flow and fun!

I created a list for ease of usage and to share some Latino dances HERE

Also: Chilean independence day is on September 18th! If you want, Ignore the prompt and draw/write them!

#### 5. La Moda/Fashion

Hispanic streetwear rocks, draw your favourite guys, gals, and nonbinary pals in your favourite fashion! You can choose a decade you like, a specific outfit, or whatever floats your boat!

Here's some Fashion History From the USA, México, and Colombia, for instance!

Two of the links are in Spanish, but they have a lot of pictures! To find better results, look up "Moda de (insert country)" and you will get results in spanish of ACTUAL fashion from the place you are trying to use!

Fashion is also a mode of resistance. Remember, wearing or refusing to wear something can be very political. For a fashion and political legend, research Eva Peron from Argentina!

#### 6. Deportes/Sports

Sports are king in Latin culture! Fútbol (or soccer in American English) is the biggest of them all, but baseball, boxing, and basketball are also huge depending on the country. National pride often shows up most fiercely on the playing field, and a win can feel like a victory for the whole nation!

You can draw/write your favorite characters in jerseys, imagine them watching a tense match, or explore what "winning" means to them.

# 7. Ojos/Eyes

Eyes are the windows to the soul and they're often full of expression, from joy to mischief to deep emotion. Think about how characters' eyes tell a story: the sparkle of pride, the fire of passion, or the quiet reflection of memory.

Because "Hispanic" and "Latino" are not a race, eyes can be brown, green, hazel, amber, blue, black, or any colour of an eye under the sun!

# 8. Espiritualidad/ Spirituality

Spirituality is woven deeply into many Latino countries' cultures. Many are prominently Catholic, but they also may blend indigenous beliefs and other influences. Christmas, for instance, is huge in Hispanic culture, and so is Dios De Los Muertos!

(Note: if you are uncomfortable with spiritual/religious topics, a different theme you can do is Tradition.)

#### 9. Arte/Art

Even if you don't immediately recognize them as Hispanic, there are so many amazing artists from the countries we're celebrating this month! Art is everywhere — music, poetry, painting, sculpture, and more — and it's all open for interpretation.

For example, you can pick a piece of art (a song, poem, painting, sculpture, etc.) and create something inspired by it. You can recreate it, remix it, or use it as a jumping-off point!

Some Latino/Hispanic Artists:

VISUAL: Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, Diego Velázquez, Jorge R. Gutierrez, Vivienne Medrano, Salvador Dali, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, Claudio Bravo, Xul Solar, Fernando Botero, Carmen Lomas Garza, Oswaldo Guayasamín

SINGERS/SONGWRITERS: <u>Lin Manuel Miranda</u>, <u>Shakira</u>, <u>Jorge Rivera Herrans</u>, <u>Bruno Mars</u>, <u>Selena Quintanilla-Pérez</u>, <u>Olivia Rodrigo</u>... Yeah, a LOT of musicians are actually Hispanic/Latino!

POETS: Octavio Paz, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Xavier Villaurrutia, Antonio Machado, Gloria Fuertes, Gabriela Mistral, Jorge Luis Borges, José Asunción Silva, Nicolás Guillén, Julia de Burgos

#### 10. Instrumentos/Instruments

Music is a huge part of Latin culture, and instruments like guitars, marimbas, trumpets, and drums are central to it. From mariachi bands to folk ensembles, these instruments tell stories, set moods, and bring communities together.

Think guitars from Spain, cajóns from Peru, charangos from Bolivia, or cuatros from Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

#### 11. Los Flores/ The Flowers

Flowers are just chock full of potential, so use them! They can represent love, life, death, celebration, or heritage, depending on the context.

Here's a list of National Flowers you can use!

#### 12. Ninitos/Little Children

This one's mostly an excuse for me to write little kids, because... well, I adore them. But it can also include characters interacting with children of any age! Remember, the heart itself can be a childish thing, full of wonder, mischief, and joy.

#### 13. Revolución!

Revolution has shaped so much of Latin American history, from wars of independence to social movements. It's about fighting for change, challenging the status quo, and standing up for what you believe in. These are political upheavals, social justice movements, fighting back against colonialism, or even just counterculture!

#### 14. Comidas/Food

The way to anyone's heart is through well cooked food, and Hispanics take this lesson very seriously. Cooking is a lovely bonding activity and there are so many dishes from all over Latin America and the Hispanic world!

#### 15. Territorios/ Territories

Hispanic countries have a rich variety of territories, from islands to regions with unique histories and cultures. Some territories are part of larger, non-Hispanic nations, while others maintain their own traditions and identities.

Puerto Rico and Easter Island, this is your time to shine!

#### 16. Animales Nacionales

There's a reason for every national animal, and there's a story behind every single one! So go find that story, and write or draw about it!

#### 17. Un Momento Para Llorar...

#### "A moment to cry..."

I know y'all love angst, and this is for you to do your worst! Goodbyes, challenges, loss, ect. The only prompt that you are REQUIRED to do the second part, because what is hurt without comfort?

#### 18....Y Un Momento Para Reir

### "And a moment to laugh"

This is the second part of Un Momento Para Llorar, and is when we slap that angst ridden sack of emotions with something happy! Laughter is important, and is much needed!

# 19. Amistad/Friendship

Friends come in many forms, especially in the case of countryhumans, of whom many live for a very long time. Whether people are there for just a moment in time, or if they're lifelong buddies who stick through until the very end, they're appreciated in the fabric that is life.

Got a human friend of your CH? Or just CH who happen to be really close buddies? Here they go!

#### 20. Colores!

Bring some life in, and make things bright and colourful! If you think you're done, watch

Olga Lucía Vives, Isabel Garcés - Inspiración (De "Encanto") and come back to me. (All lighthearted)

# 21. Lengua / Language

Words in different countries that speak the same language are vastly different! See the word "Straw", which can translate to pajita, popote, pitillo, cañita, sorbete, calimete, carrizo, bombilla, or absorbente! All depending on the country!

The thing uniting these very different countries is a common language... And even that is not very uniting!

#### 22. Cicatriz/Scars

They've lived long, interesting lives, and scars come from even the least interesting places. Battle wounds, emotional scars, a scraped knee that didn't heal properly... Scars tell the stories of our lives, and they make us unique from one another.

#### 23. Pelo/Hair

Once again, Hispanic/Latino is not a race, so hair will differ! We've got every texture under the sun, and let those differences shine for this prompt!

# 24. Diaspora

There is a large community of Hispanics outside of Hispanic countries. This is for them! US Hispanics, here's your chance! Tejas, California, Florida, you name it! If they're Hispanic, but not from a Hispanic country, this is their moment!

# 25. Non-Hispanic Formerly Spanish Colonies

The Spanish Empire stuck their fingers into most of Central and South America, as well as many other places! This is for formerly Spanish Colonies that are not considered Hispanic, such as the Philippines, Jamaica, and Palau!

It feels rude not to include our cousins who had to deal with Spain as well 😔



#### 26. Afuera/Outdoors

From mountains to oceans to rainforests to deserts to beaches, there's diversity even in the lands of Hispanic countries. Touch some grass, let the outdoors soak in!

# 27. Colonial Legacies

The Spanish Empire had governance over a very large part of the world, and it affected the history of those places forever. This day is to really remember how messed up that was. Write your favourites as colonies or make art of them under the Spanish Empire!

# 28. Indigenous Peoples

Though this holiday is traditionally Columbus Day, many Hispanic countries opt for a "Day of Races" to celebrate the people who were here first!

Take this as a "Screw Christopher Columbus Day <3" if you wish, but the main focus is the indigenous peoples of Hispanic countries! They're important to our histories and they should be remembered!

#### 29. Pride

Pride comes in many forms. It's the deadliest sin, that surpasses them all. It's the way a parent looks at their child. It comes before the fall. It's a celebration of what makes someone themselves. It's vain and nationalistic. Pride can be defined in so many ways, what does it stand out as meaning today?

### 30. Family

Family is important, whether it's through blood or not. Many people have Hispanic Countries as being related, and this is where that comes in! If you don't headcanon them as related, do not fret, my dear friends! Family comes in so many forms!

# 31. Latinos: Past, Present, Future

As a way to cap off Hispanic Heritage Month, this is a three part Prompt! Hispanic peoples have contributed so much to the beautiful tapestry that is our world. Let's celebrate it with one last hurrah!

# **National Symbols**

# **Dances**

Note: Some of these are national, others are just popular! You can also just look up other dances, but these are to get those brain juices flowing, and also to just show how many types of Latin dances there are!

Argentina – Tango/Zamba

Bolivia – Morenada

Chile - Cueca

Colombia - Cumbia

Costa Rica - Punto Guanacaste

Cuba - Danzón/Salsa

Dominican Republic - Merengue/Bachata

Ecuador - Pasillo/Sanjuanito

El Salvador - Xuc

Equatorial Guinea - Balélé

Guatemala - Son Guatemalteco (Son Chapín)

Honduras - Punta

Mexico - Jarabe/La Bamba

Nicaragua - El Güegüense/Toro Huaco

Panama – Tamborito

Paraguay – Danza Paraguaya/Paraguayan bottle dance (LOOK THIS UP IT'S REALLY COOL)

Peru - Marinera Norteña

Puerto Rico - Bomba/Plena

Spain - Flamenco/Sardana

Uruguay - Tango/Candombe/Milonga

Venezuela – Joropo

# **National Flowers**

Argentina - Ceibo

Bolivia – the Kantuta and the Patujú

Chile - Copihue

Colombia - Flor De Mavo

Costa Rica - Guaria Morada

Cuba - White Ginger/Mariposa

Dominican Republic - Bayahibe Rose

Ecuador - Chuquiragua

El Salvador - Flor de Izote

66Guatemala - La Monja Blanca

Honduras - The Virgin Orchid

Mexico - Dahlia

Nicaragua - Sacuanjoche

Panama - Holy Ghost Orchid

Paraguay - Mburucuyá/Blue Passionflower

Peru - Cantuta (See Bolivia)

Puerto Rico - Flor de Maga

Spain - Red Carnation

Equatorial Guinea – <u>Chardon de Djalon</u> (Awaiting governmental approval) **Uruguay -** Ceibo (See Argentina)

Venezuela – <u>Cattleya mossiae orchid (Also called Flor De Mayo)</u>

Other popular Hispanic-related flowers: Marigolds, Poinsettia, Mexican Sunflowers, Passion flowers, Pineapple Sage, Orchids of all types, Roses, and more!

# **National Animals**

Argentina - Rufous hornero (Bird)

**Bolivia** – Llama

Chile - Huemul (A type of Deer)

Colombia - Andean Condor (Bird)

Costa Rica - Yigüirro (Bird)

**Cuba –** Cuban Trogon (Bird)

**Dominican Republic –** Palmchat (Bird)

**Ecuador –** Andean Condor (Bird, same as Colombia)

**El Salvador –** Torogoz/Turquoise-browed motmot (Bird)

Equatorial Guinea - Gorilla

Guatemala - Quetzal (Bird)

Honduras - Scarlet Macaw (Bird)

Mexico - Golden Eagle (Bird)

**Nicaragua –** Turquoise-browed motmot (Same as El Salvador; Bird)

Panama - Harpy Eagle (Bird)

Paraguay - Puma (Cat)

Peru - Vicuña (Camel thing)

Puerto Rico - Puerto Rican parrot (Bird)

Spain - Bull (Bull)

**Uruguay –** Southern Lapwing (Bird)

**Venezuela –** Venezuelan Troupial (bird)