



Deer Park Learns About Famous Hispanic Americans

Hispanic
Heritage Month

September 15-October 15



All About...



**William Carlos
Williams**



I connected...

- We study math and science in school, too!



I learned...

- People can become scientists when they grow up



I wonder...

- How do you become a scientist?

All About...



César Chávez



I connected...
He was taught
to treat people
with kindness.



I learned...
He was a
farmer.



I wonder...

All About...



Ellen Ochoa

Pebble
Go



I connected...
She liked math,
science and
music just like
us.
I want to be an
astronaut too.



I learned...
Ellen Ochoa
was an first
Latina female
astronaut.
It takes lots of
education to be
an astronaut.



I wonder...
What vehicle gets
the astronauts to
the rocket?
What does it takes
to become an
astronaut? How do
they choose the
shuttle pilot?

All About...



Henry Cisneros





I connected...

- ★ Some of us can speak Spanish too!
- ★ Some of our parents help others get houses too!



I learned...

- ★ He worked to get houses for ALL!
- ★ He started his own company to build houses.



I wonder...

- ★ How many years did he help others get housing?
- ★ Is he still living?

All About...



Héctor P. García



I connected...

- Some family has the same name
- I was born in January
- We want equal right for everyone too



I learned...

- He died in 1996
- He had 4 kids
- He was born in January 1914
- He has 9 brothers and sisters



I wonder...

- How did he die?
- About WWII
- Where are his brothers and sisters?
- How old are his kids now?

All About...



Jennifer Lopez



I connected...

-I saw her on TV.



I learned...

-That she is a dancer and actress.
-She earned awards.
-has a Hollywood star



I wonder...

-Why did she want to act and sing?
-If she's on Tik Tok

All About...



John "Danny"
Olivas

Pebble
Go



I connected...

Some students
had family
from Mexico.



I learned...

He was an
*engineer
*NASA Astronaut
*Made space
walks
*Born in
California



I wonder...

How old he was
on his first
space walk?
How hard was
it to become an
astronaut?

All About...



José Antonio
Navarro



I connected that he was from Mexico and we know that butterflies migrate there. Some of our families live in Texas.



We learned we lived in Texas. His dad died in 1808. He worked hard to make Texas part of the USA.



I wonder when he died.

**MrS.
O'Neill's
Class**

All About...



**Lin-Manuel
Miranda**



I connected...

- I like hip hop, too.
- I love musical theater, too.
- My mom was born in the Philippines, too.



I learned...

- Born 1/16/80, NYC
- From Puerto Rico
- Made movies & TV shows
- Studies at Wesleyan University
- Raised 20 million dollars after hurricane in Puerto Rico
- Wrote a song for Moana
- Loves salsa music, show tunes & hip hop



I wonder...

- Is he still alive?
- When did he come up with a song for Moana
- Did he ever go surfboarding?
- How old was he when he first performed?

All About...



Lynda Carter



I connected...

“My uncle and aunt live in Arizona.”

“My mom was a model.”

“I also like Wonder Woman.”

“My family is hispanic.”

“I have a bit of Spanish heritage.”



I learned...

Lynda Carter was born July 24, 1951 in Arizona. She played the role of Wonder Woman starting in 1975. She sang in a rock band. She was also Miss World USA in 1972. Lynda did a lot of her own stunts, including hanging from a helicopter. Wonder Woman was a popular comic book character. She was in the movies Dukes of Hazzard and Chicago. **She proved that women can be superheroes too!**



I wonder...

What other shows did she make?

What band was she in?

Who were her parents?

Does she have kids?

Was she the first woman playing a superhero?

All About...



Mario Molina





I connected...
-We love science
-We care about the environment too
-We have family from Mexico



I learned...
-His dad was a lawyer and a teacher
-He likes science and is a chemist
-He passed away two years ago
-He cared about the environment
-He helped saved the ozone layer



I wonder...
-Why does he want to be a teacher?
-Where did he die?
-Why does he like science?
-How many years was he doing science?

All About...



Miguel Cabrera





I connected...

“I like to play baseball too.”

“My brother plays baseball”

“I am a hispanic American too”



I learned...

“He gave back to his community”

“He won the triple crown in baseball”

“He played in the Major Leagues when he was only 16”



I wonder...

“I wonder if he still plays baseball”

“I wonder if he has a baseball card I could collect”

“I wonder if he has any brothers or sisters”

“I wonder if he ever got married”

“I wonder how old he is”

All About...



Nancy López



I connected...

Nancy's love of sports

Many people like Nancy have suffered from racism



I learned...

Nancy was one of the first hispanic female professional golfers

Nancy won many honors and awards including the hall of fame



I wonder...

How did she learn to golf?

How often did she suffer racism?

What was it like being a professional golfer?

All About...



Roberto
Clemente

Pebble
Go



I connected...

- He is Latino like me!
- He plays baseball and I do too!



I learned...

- He had 3000 hits
- He played baseball every chance he got
- He died in a plane crash
- He raised money to help kids



I wonder...

- If he played baseball every day
- If he was sad when he was put in the junior league
- Why did he want to be a baseball player
- When did he start playing

All About...



**Juan Felipe
Herrera**



I connected...to

-Many Deer Park students are latino.



I learned...

-He went to college and he was very smart
-He is a poet
-He fought for immigrant's rights



I wonder...

-I wonder if he's still alive today
-I wonder if he's still in Mexico or America.

All About...



**Laurie
Hernandez**





I connected...

- *An older sibling is the same age.
- *I also compete in gymnastics.
- *We are writing memoirs.



I learned...

- *She had a knee injury.
- *She wrote a picture book and a memoir.
- *She was on Dancing with the Stars.
- *She was the youngest member on the Olympic team by 3 years.



I wonder...

- *Will she compete in the Olympics again?
- *How old is she?
- *How long did it take to recover from her knee injury?

All About...



Mario Molina



I connected...

His research taught people about CFCs in the ozone layer and how they break down the ozone. This is important to protect the Earth from Global Warming. This is important to Deer Park since we are starting an ECOclub!



I learned...

Mario Molina was a chemist who investigated a chemical compound that impacts the ozone layer of the Earth. He studied and worked at several prestigious universities.



I wonder...

We wondered what inspired him to become a chemist. We wonder how he convinced industry to ban CFCs in products. Will his discovery save us from Global Warming?

All About...



Sylvia Mendez



I connected...

- People are still treated differently in some ways (race, men and women)
- People fighting for rights in other places
- Some family members were alive during this time
- To feeling sad
- To feeling humiliated
- To feeling motivated
- Feeling left out for not knowing something
- Also Mexican



I learned...

- In the past people went to different schools because of different culture, not just skin tone/race.
- How bad/different things were back then for people who were not white.
- She was active in civil rights
- Not everyone thinks the same.
- She went to court with her family to get an equal education
- We are all equal- race does not matter
- You should treat people with respect and kindness



I wonder...

- How long did it take for people to stop treating each other differently when schools were integrated?
- What she thought about during this time? Did she think she would win and go to the other school?
- What would it be like if no one tried to end segregation?
- Why was there segregation?
- If people think the same today?
- How did they get equality?
- How long did the court case take?
- How did it feel going to a new school?
- How did she feel when she knew what her family was fighting for?

All About...



**Oscar de la
Renta**



I connected...

- I wore Oscar de la Renta jeans in the eighties.
- He designed trendy clothing.
- Clothes and TikTok/YouTube videos mark trends.
- Some students have travelled to the Dominican Republic where he was born.



I learned...

- He was a famous clothing designer
- He used vibrant colors
- He won many awards for his designs.
- He lived 72 years and the company he started is still going.



I wonder...

- How did his company grow so large?
- Why did he chose to become a clothing designer?
- What do his clothing designs look like?
- Why did he start working so young?
- How did he train for his job?