



# Deer Park Learns About Famous Hispanic Americans

**Hispanic**

**Heritage Month**

September 15-October 15



# All About...



William Carlos  
Williams

Pebble  
Go



I connected...

I went to New Jersey and PA.



I learned...

That he was known for poems.



I wonder...

I wonder if he had children?

What kind of doctor was he?

# All About...



César Chávez



I connected...

He lived with  
his parents.



I learned...

He wanted to  
help people.



I wonder...

How long did  
he farm for?

# All About...



Dolores Huerta



I connected...

I've been to a farm.



I learned...

She taught people.



I wonder...

What is it like to be a farmer?



# All About...



Ellen Ochoa

Pebble  
Go





I connected...  
She like math,  
science and  
music in  
school.



I learned...  
that she was  
an astronaut.



I wonder...  
If her spaceship  
landed on one  
of the planets  
and if she saw  
an alien.

# All About...



John "Danny"  
Olivas



I connected...  
I like to make  
crafts.  
My dad is an  
engineer.  
I want to be  
an engineer.



I learned...  
NASA astronaut  
Engineer  
He went on the  
Discovery and  
Atlantis shuttles  
and did space  
walks.



I wonder...  
why he wanted  
to be an  
astronaut  
If he is still an  
engineer

# All About...



José Antonio  
Navarro

## We connected...

I had a friend named Antonio.

My dad lives in Texas and I've been there.



Mrs. O'Neill's Class

## We learned...

His dad died in 1808.

He helped people in Texas.

He wanted everyone to be treated equally.

He was born on Feb. 1795.

## We wondered...

How old was Jose when his dad died?

I wonder if he had friends?

I wonder how old Jose was when he died?



# All About...



Lin-Manuel  
Miranda



### I connected...

- Many friends in our class love the movies, Moana and Encanto
- Many friends in our class have been to Puerto Rico, which is where his parents were born



### I learned...

- He won a Grammy Award!
- He wrote the song “How Far I Go” and “We don’t talk about Bruno.”
- He raised \$20 million for Puerto Rico after a hurricane



### I wonder...

- What other songs did he write?
- What language does he speak?
- Is he married?



# All About...



Severo Ochoa



I connected...  
\*\*Our family members are doctors, teachers, and lawyers.  
\*\*We have lost family members when we were young like he did.



I learned...  
\*\*We learned his father was a lawyer.  
\*\*We learned he discovered a new enzyme. \*\*He earned the Nobel Peace Prize. \*\*He has a Biology Center named after him in Spain.  
Very Cool!!!



I wonder...  
\*\*Did his siblings outlive him?  
\*\*Were any of his other siblings lawyers?  
\*\*Did he have children?  
\*\*Did he have aunts and uncles?  
\*\*How long did it take for him to understand how genes work?

# All About...



Lynda Carter



I connected...

- \*some of us have acted too
- \*just like Lynda was one of the only women in TV at the beginning, some of our students are the only girl in a family of brothers
- \*some students also are of a hispanic background
- \*we know and like Wonder Woman



I learned...

- \*Lynda Carter is an actor and singer
- \*She was Wonder Woman on TV in the 70s
- \*Lynda was a model
- \*She is hispanic
- \*She helped other girls and women get into TV and acting
- \*She won a prestigious award from the women's league.
- \*she did her own stunts and even hanged from a helicopter once



I wonder...

- \*Is she still alive? (yes!)
- \*Did she have a stunt double?
- \*Why did she do all the things in her life?
- \*Who encouraged her to be a model and actor?
- \*Does she have any siblings?
- \*Is she married?
- \*Does she have a dog?
- \*Was there a rope holding her when she was flying?
- \*Are her parents still alive?

# All About...



Mario Molina



### I connected...

- I like chemistry
- I want to be a scientist
- I want to protect the environment
- I have family from Mexico
- I have family in Switzerland
- I have family in California



### I learned...

- He researched CFC's and learned how to protect the ozone layer and environment
- Won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry
- He was born in 1943
- He was born in Mexico
- He traveled to many places
- He went to a private school in Switzerland
- He studied chemistry
- He died in 2020



### I wonder...

- What day and month he was born
- How to learn more about chemistry
- What can we do to protect the environment better
- Did he help terrestrial ecosystems?

# All About...



Miguel Cabrera







### I connected...

- Friends in our class play baseball too
- Friends in our class have also won trophies/awards for sports



### I learned...

- He was born in 1983 and was famous for playing baseball
- He won the baseball triple crown
- His uncle taught him how to play the sport
- He started a foundation for kids
- He played for the Florida Marlins
- He has over 500 home runs in his career



### I wonder...

- I wonder if he is still alive
- If he still plays baseball
- I wonder if he has any kids of his own
- I wonder what position he played in the field

# All About...



Selena Gomez





## I connected...

We have some students who share a birthday month with Selena.

Our classmates all listen to music so we connect to Selena with music.



## I learned...

That Selena Gomez worked in the Barney television show.

That Selena was sick when she was younger.



## I wonder...

How many songs she has written?

Where does Selena live in the USA?

# All About...



Roberto  
Clemente



## I could...

- He was helpful to others
- Some of us also play baseball
- He reminds us of Jackie Robinson



## I learned...

- He joined the Pittsburgh Pirates
- He was an All Star 12 times
- Born on 8/18
- First black/Latino player to get to 3,000 hits
- He died in an airplane



## I wonder...

- What else would he have accomplished?
- How did the airplane crash?
- What earthquake was he helping with?
- Would he have been good at other sports?
- Did he want to play baseball as a kid?

# All About...



**Juan Felipe  
Herrera**



I connected...to  
\*I'm hispanic, too  
\*My brother was  
born the year he  
wrote one of his  
books \*I speak 2  
languages, too  
\*One of my  
cousins went to  
Stafford



I learned...  
\*I learned who  
migrant farmworkers  
are \*He was born  
Dec. 27, 1948 \*He  
went to Stafford for  
his master's \*He got  
many degrees  
\*Major figure in  
literary field of  
poetry\*2015-1st Latino  
to become poet  
laureate



I wonder...  
\*Why did he have  
a calling to  
poetry? \*Was it  
hard and stressful  
being a migrant  
farmworker?  
\*Why'd he want to  
be a poet instead  
of a farmer?



# All About...



**Laurie  
Hernandez**



Britannica<sup>®</sup> *School* Middle



### I connected...

- Because I also have a hispanic side of my family.



### I learned...

- She won the silver medal in 2016 on the balance beam.
- She is great at beam, floor exercises, and the vault. Their team won the gold medal.
- She's also an author.



### I wonder...

- Has she won more medals than her entire team?



### I connected...

- I have the same last name
- I'm a gymnast!
- I got a knee injury too.
- I also makes books



### I learned...

- She was a commentator at the gymnastics
- She was in the olympics at 16
- She wrote a book
- She hurt her knee and stopped competing



### I wonder...

- How did she become so good?
- How did she get her knee injury?
- Will she ever compete again?

# All About...



**Mario Molina**



### I connected...

- The hole in the ozone layer to the conversations about climate change today
- Sunburn is because of a lack of shield from the ultraviolet radiation



### I learned...

- Banning of CFCs was a (pretty) universal agreement
- Molina discovered the Ozone layer destruction



### I wonder...

- Will there be more people like him in the world?
- How did he die?

# All About...



**Sylvia Mendez**





## I connected...

- Ruby Bridges
- Rosa Parks
- Dr. Martin Luther King
- We learned about Constitution and it was used for helping her family argue their case.



## I learned...

- Received medal of Honor from President Obama
- By the time she was able to go to school with white children, her friends saw they were all humans.
- She was mistreated because of her race.
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## I wonder...

- Why do people hate?
- Who are other trailblazers who started the conversation about equal rights?
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Mr. Nokovich's Class



# All About...



Oscar de la  
Renta



## I connected...

- Surprised that he was popular in my lifetime.
- Members of my family also had cancer
- He made designer jeans which I wore.



## I learned...

- He designed clothing
- He made over 150 million dollars,
- He used bright colors in his designs
- Designed clothing for famous women and celebrities
- He worked for Elizabeth Arden (owned a makeup company)



## I wonder...

- Why did he decide to design clothing?
- Why did he choose to make mostly women's clothing?
- Why did he decide to make fine china? How is that related?
- How did he get cancer
- Who influenced his designs?
- How long did it take to make a piece of clothing.