

Hispanic Life in America (HLA): The experience and impact of Hispanic Americans as recorded by the news media

From the earliest days of the colonial era through modern times, people of Spanish-speaking heritage have shaped the geography, arts, culture, and civil discourse of the United States in immeasurable ways. This primary source collection offers an expansive window into centuries of Hispanic American history, culture, and daily life – as well as the ways the dominant culture has portrayed and perceived people of Hispanic descent.

Where does the content come from?

The content in HLA is sourced from more than 17,000 American and global news sources, including over 700 Spanish-language or bilingual publications.

What time period does it cover?

From the early 18th century to the early 21st – from the early Spanish settlements to the modern era.

What's in it?

HLA covers many topical categories such as arts and entertainment, civil rights and activism, immigration and citizenship, sports and athletes, labor, religion, science and technology, and society and culture. The database contains varied perspectives on subjects including but not limited to:

- Conclusion of the Haitian Revolution
- Simón Bolívar, “El Libertador”
- Mexican War of Independence
- Annexation of Texas
- Introduction of the term “nativism” in political debate
- Immigration Act of 1864
- Construction of the Panama Canal
- Prohibition era smuggling
- Undesirable Aliens Act of 1929
- Great Depression era forced repatriation
- Undesirable Aliens Act
- Sleepy Lagoon Trial

- Zoot Suit Riot
- “West Side Story” wins Academy Award for Best Picture
- Bay of Pigs Invasion
- U.S. occupation of Dominican Republic
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- California Proposition 187
- Telemundo
- U.S. – Central America Free Trade Agreement
- Immokalee Workers’ Hunger Strike
- Sonya Sotomayor appointed to the United States Supreme Court
- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy announced by President Obama
- Executive Order 13767 expands border wall
- Friendship Day between El Salvador and the United States
- Cardi B wins a Grammy for Best Rap Album

And organizations such as:

- Los Hermanos Penitentes (The Penitent Brothers)
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- Asociación Nacional México-Americana
- Hispanic Society of America
- El Movimiento (The Chicano Movement)
- National Farm Workers Association

HLA provides important background and context for students seeking an understanding of how people of Hispanic descent helped found and define the United States.

How can I use this content in my research project?

This collection provides researchers with many points of departure covering a vast array of projects. Some examples of research projects include:

- Survey the early settlements in Florida, New Mexico, and Texas
- Examine the role of labor leaders and organizations in the agriculture industry

- Track effect of court decision on asylum seekers
- Study the influence of religion on culture and society
- Review the portrayal of explorers Columbus, Pizarro, Cortez, and others
- Analyze the repercussions of the Monroe Doctrine
- Evaluate the work of Nobel Prize winning poet Pablo Neruda
- Investigate the influences of musicians from Tito Guizar to Menudo
- Trace the path of immigration to citizenship
- Explore Cuban culture through baseball
- Appraise the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in the context of Manifest Destiny

Let's get started!

The content can be accessed easily through several search approaches. One search option is to utilize the Suggested Searches tool, which provides focused coverage of an entire topic.

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Suggested Searches Explore Topics, Eras and Events

Spanish Arrival to Texas Annexation (Beginning-1845)

- Mexican-American War to Platt Agreement (1846-1901)
- Cuban Independence to Mexican Revolution (1902-1920)
- San Antonio Flood to Sleepy Lagoon Trial (1921-1942)
- Zoot Suit Riots to West Side Story (1943-1961)
- Cuban Missile Crisis to Chicano Broadway (1962-1979)
- Refugee Act of 1980 to Latin Pop Explosion (1980-1999)

Spanish Arrival to Texas Annexation (Beginning-1845)

Government ▾

Historical Reflections ▲

- Christopher Columbus discovers the Americas (1492)
- Francisco Pizarro conquers Peru (1532-1533)
- Hernán Cortés conquers Mexico (1519-1521)
- Juan Ponce de León explores Florida (1513)
- W.H. Prescott's "History of the Conquest of Mexico" (1843)
- W.H. Prescott's "History of the Conquest of Peru" (1846)

Within each topic are many subtopics that link to prepared searches that generate results specific to that subtopic. These subtopics can be used as a launch pad for a

wide variety of research projects. For example, in Series One “Nuttall, Zelia, (1858-1933): Archaeologist who researched Mexico's prehistoric past” is a subtopic under the topic “Notable People” in the era “Mexican-American War to Platt Agreement.”

The screenshot shows a NewsBank search interface. The search bar contains the text "Zelia Nuttall" and the date range "1840-1901". The search results are sorted by "Best Match" and show 11 results. The first result is titled "Art Of The Aztecs. The Curious Terra Cotta Heads Which Show Their Skill. What the" and is dated September 3, 1886. The second result is titled "Denver Post (published as THE DENVER POST.): Page 4" and is dated October 17, 1901. The third result is titled "Evening Post (published as The Evening Post.): Page 8" and is dated October 17, 1901. The search results are displayed in a grid format with a sidebar on the left for sorting and filtering options.

And in Series Two “Farm workers strike against the Campbell Soup Company” is a subtopic under the topic “Labor” in the era “Cuban Missile Crisis to Chicano Broadway.”

The screenshot shows a NewsBank search interface. The search bar contains the text "Campbell's soup" OR "campbell's soup" OR "campbell soup" and the date range "after 1977". The search results are sorted by "Best Match" and show 42 results. The first result is titled "Journal Gazette (published as The Journal-Gazette): Page 3" and is dated September 1, 1978. The second result is titled "San Diego Union (published as The San Diego Union AND DAILY BEE.): Page 14" and is dated September 1, 1978. The third result is titled "Plain Dealer (published as THE PLAIN DEALER): Page 22" and is dated September 1, 1978. The search results are displayed in a grid format with a sidebar on the left for sorting and filtering options.

Another example, “‘Undocumented’ grows as more favorable term than ‘illegal’ to describe immigrants who lack proper documentation” is a subtopic under the topic “Immigration and Citizenship” in the era “Arizona Senate Bill 1070 to Today” in Series Three.

The screenshot shows a NewsBank search interface. The search bar contains the query: "Illegal AND undocumented AND immigrants AND (language OR ...)". The date range is set to "2000 - 2019". The search results page displays 40,883 results. On the left, there are filters for "Sort by" (Best Match, Newest, Oldest) and a "Date selector" showing a bar chart for the years 2000-2019. The main content area shows three search results:

- Dropping 'illegal' from undocumented immigration**
April 23, 2013 | Rocky Mountain Collegian: Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO) | Tyanna Slobe
... this month the Associated Press dropped the term "illegal immigrant" from the 2013 style guide. ... month the Associated Press dropped the term "illegal immigrant" from the 2013 style guide. This is an ... racism toward minority groups in the United States, and more importantly a stand against ... Earlier this month the Associated Press dropped the term "illegal immigrant" from the 2013 style guide. This is an important move toward
- 'Illegal' or 'undocumented'? Words stir debate - IMMIGRATION: Groups are divided in their goals, but they agree about the impact of language.**
January 25, 2010 | Long Beach Press-Telegram (CA) | Stephen Wall Staff Writer | Page 5A
... they illegal aliens or undocumented workers? Illegal ... they illegal aliens or undocumented workers? Illegal immigrants or unauthorized ... they illegal aliens or undocumented workers? Illegal immigrants or unauthorized ... Are they illegal aliens or undocumented workers? Illegal immigrants or unauthorized entrants? In the raging debate over illegal immigration, words carry loaded meanings. People on opposite sides of the issue in-
- Major show of strength - Hundreds of thousands rally to demand U.S. citizenship for**
... YORK - They gathered on the quiet streets of Garden City, Kan., and in the chaos of downtown ... streets of Garden City, Kan., and in the

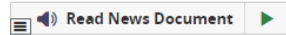
Users can further refine the suggested search results by adjusting the search parameters and narrow the results to their specific area of interest.

The content can also be accessed through more traditional approaches like searching on key words or terms. For example, a simple search on “Estevan Bellán” results in an describing the history of baseball in Cuba and expressing hope the sport would strengthen the then thawing U.S. – Cuban relationship.

Play Béisbol! New Hope Follows Cuban Thaw



May 1, 2016 | Progressive, The (USA)
Author/Byline: Dave Zirin; Edge Of Sports | Page: 41 | Section: Opinions
645 Words



This year's baseball season arrived with the thaw, after almost sixty years, of the two most baseball-mad nations on Earth: these United States and Cuba. The USA has been isolated from the Cuban people for so long that our ignorance runs particularly deep. Yet Cuba's baseball history is fascinating, and far more extensive than just the exploits of current players like Yasiel Puig and Yoenis Céspedes who defected in search of Major League millions.

The first country on Earth to adopt the game of baseball, following its codification in the United States, was Cuba. It's been written that the sport was sent there by the United States as part of an imperial cultural agenda. Or as the late, great Uruguayan writer Eduardo Galeano put it, "Marines shouldered bats next to their rifles when they imposed imperial order in a region by blood and fire."

This is true for much of the Caribbean, particularly the Dominican Republic. But Cuban baseball even dates back to before the sport's post-Civil War boom in the United States. It was 1864 when elite Cuban students, after attending college in the United States, returned home to play this new game. Their efforts were aided by U.S. commercial sailors who would port regularly in the island nation. The first games were between the Havana Base Ball Club and sailor teams in the island capital.

At this time, Cuba was the colonial property of Spain and Spanish rulers who saw the popularity of the sport as a threat to their cultural dominance. They outlawed baseball and attempted to spread their own sporting love, bullfighting. Soon, and

Researchers can also use the Advanced Search function that allows several terms to be included in various fields and provides a refined set of results. For example, articles about the missionary work of the Franciscans can be found quickly by entering ("Missions" OR "Missionaries") in the Headline field and "Franciscans" in the All Text field and 1820-1930 in the Date field.

The screenshot shows a NewsBank search interface. At the top, the search criteria are: "Missions" OR "Missionaries" (Headline), "Franciscans" (All Text), and "1820-1930" (Date(s)). The search results show 30 items. On the left, there are sorting options (Best Match, Newest, Oldest) and a date selector for 1820-1929. The main content area displays three article results:

- Missions of the Franciscans. an Episode of the Struggle for Ocean Independence** (September 30, 1901 | Springfield Republican | Springfield, Massachusetts | News Article | Issue 151 | Page 10)
- After 100 Years, Franciscans Return to Texas Missions** (June 30, 1929 | Dallas Morning News | By W. A. Ownby | Dallas, Texas | News Article | Page Two)
- Rev. Currier's Lecture. Spanish Missionaries in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries** (Did a priest accompany Columbus on his first voyage? First missionary to America; the Benedictines; Patl...)

Complete Help documentation can be found by clicking the Need Help? link at the bottom of the page.