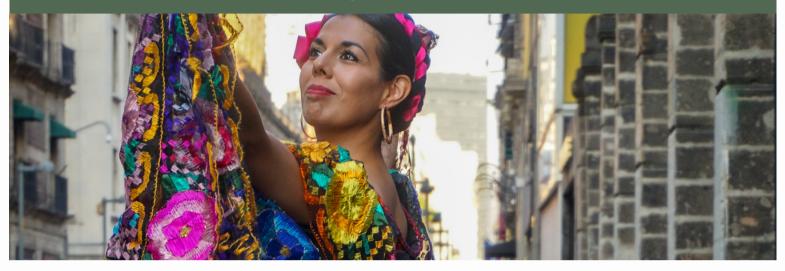
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More than just Día de Muertos



DATES OF NOTE FOR OCTOBER

All Month:

Canadian Islamic Heritage Month (Theme: Celebrating Muslim Women in Arts & Sciences) **Latin American Heritage** Month **Canadian Women's History** Month Canadian LGBTQ+ History Month October 4th - Sisters in Spirit Dav October 10th - World Mental **Health Day** October 11th - International Day of the Girl Child October 17th to 22nd - Secret Path Week October 24th - Dussehra

HONOURING HERITAGE & HISTORY MONTHS

From the desks of the Antiracist Teachers Network:

October marks the beginning of the school year's heritage and history months, and of course, the ATN is ready to provide some guidance! In fact, you can check out our newsletter on <u>Canadian Islamic Heritage Month</u> resources right here!

However, when we found ourselves building this month's issue focusing on Canadian Latin American Heritage Month we encountered a few challenges that made us take pause and ask:

How can we honour heritage and history months without tokenizing the purpose of the month as a whole?

Enter the **Anti-Defamation League** with a guide titled <u>Dos and Don'ts with</u> <u>Special Diversity Events</u> with poignant advice for every educator wishing to engage with these months throughout the year. We won't rewrite the entire guide as our opening statement for this month but highlight three do's that we think speak to our efforts here at the ATN.

- Define Diversity in Diverse Ways The definition for diversity in your school should include the intersectionalities of those present in your building!
- 2. **Input From All** Considering everyone involved in your school community can help ensure your observances are meaningful and avoid tokenization of certain groups
- 3. Be Expansive in Exploring Cultures Cultural groups remain present in our contemporary times and should not just be observed in just a past tense.

We hope this helps to frame your explorations for the school year ahead!





The Fever Tree Hunt

OUR CLASSROOM

We recommend the episode <u>Exploring</u> Language Identity and Power with <u>Poetry</u>

COOL STUFF!

- Casa Pueblito and the Ontario Trillium Foundation have the <u>Voices for Change Anthology</u> collecting literary work from Latin-Hispanic Youth
- Casa Pueblito has also developed the <u>Our Voices In</u>
 <u>Schools Toolkit</u> to help foster Inclusive Education
- The Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion has created a <u>Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Month</u> <u>Educational Resource Guide</u>
- The National Film Board of Canada has curated a selection of films for Latin American Heritage Month
- The Canadian Encyclopedia highlights <u>Latin American</u>
 <u>Canadians</u> in Canadian history
- Check out <u>Multicultural Classroom</u> to help bring a anti bias and anti racist lenses to your classroom and school!
- Explore the <u>Canadian Hispanic Latin American Virtual</u> <u>Museum</u>
- UNLADYLIKE2020 highlights educator and civil rights activist <u>Jovita Idar</u> and botanist <u>Ynés Mexia</u> in their video series
- Google Arts & Culture made an interactive gallery
 highlighting 10 Inspiring Latinas Who've Made History
- Teaching for Change has developed a <u>Latino/Hispanic</u>
 <u>Heritage Month Resource package</u> that presents several starting points for your explorations
- The Anti-Defamation League created an Ideas for Educators page around Hispanic Heritage Month
- The National Educators Association made <u>a directory</u> of lesson plans around Hispanic Heritage Month



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Interested in joining the ATN for this school year? Email: local38atn@gmail.com for more information!

OUR MONTLY BOOK RECCS

From the ATN Resource Bank!

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And So It Goes by Paloma Valdivia, Islandborn by Junot Díaz

El Cucuy... and other spooky legends from Latin American folklore by Naibe Reynoso Niños: Poems for the Lost Children of Chile by María José Ferrada Cantora: Mercedes Sosa The Voice of Latin America by Melisa Fernandez Nitsche

Senora Sanasana by Ashlee Campbell

A Gift from Abuela by Cecilia Ruiz

Alma and How She Got Her Name

Campoy & David Diaz

by Juana Martinez-Neal **La Mariachi** by Isabel Estrada & Addy R<u>ivera Sound</u>

5-9

I dreamt...: A book about hope by Gabriela Olmos The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan & Peter Sís The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist by Margarita Engle The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera Yes! We Are Latinos: Poems and Prose About the Latino Experience by Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel

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Furia by Yamile Saied Méndez I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School by Sonora Reyes Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

For Educators

Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter by Carmen Aguirre My Time Among the Whites: Notes from an Unfinished Education by Jennine Capó Crucet In the Country We Love: My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero Wild Tongues Can't be Tamed edited by Saracen J. Fennell Afterlife by Julia Alvarez Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez Infinite Country by Patricia Engel The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio Of Women and Salt by Gabriella Garcia