**Latino/Hispanic** **Biography Project**

Find your own additional facts about the people who are in the list below and research these individuals on the Web or in books.

1. Argentina- Eva Perón (political leader)
2. Bolivia- Jaime Escalante (teacher)
3. Chile- Gabriela Mistral (poet, writer)
4. Colombia- Ingrid Betancourt (political activitist)
5. Costa Rica- Franklin R. Chang-Díaz (astronaut)
6. Cuba- Celia Cruz (singer)
7. Ecuador- Julio Jaramillo (singer)
8. España- Conchita Martinez (tennis player)
9. El Salvador- Oscar Romero (religious leader)
10. Guatemala- Rigoberta Menchu (political activitist)
11. Honduras- Carlos Mencía (comedian)
12. México- Frieda Kahlo (painter)
13. Nicaragua- Rubén Darío (poet)
14. Perú Mario Vargas Llosa (writer)
15. Puerto Rico Sonia Sotomayor (US Supreme Justice)
16. Panamá Rubén Blades (singer, actor)
17. Paraguay Favio Chávez (musician)
18. Republica D. Oscar de La Renta (fashion designer)
19. Uruguay Pepe Mujica (political leader)
20. Venezuela Carolina Herrera (fashion designer)

Select one of these famous Latino/Hispanic and after researching their biography, you will write a letter to City Council Representatives where you propose that your candidate be selected as the icon of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations county wide for this year.

**Guidelines and Rubric:**

1. The style is slightly informal although courteous.
2. It has to be very persuasive so you have to tell the representatives sound reasons why you believe your candidate will be the best to represent the Hispanic Latino Heritage Month.
3. You have to write a 300 words letter.
4. Include one picture of your candidate
5. Make sure you convince your audience with enough evidence about the contributions this person has made to the International Community.
6. Use your believable facts about your candidate so that other letters are disregarded and your is the chosen one .

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| 60 | 70 | 80 | 90-100 |
| Chunk of information with no organization.  “Cut and paste” from internet.  Does not follow rubric  Short and tedious | Follow rubric but has insufficient info.  Lack of convincing details and creativity.  No engaging  No originality | Follow fully the rubric but it is missing attractive and originality.  Somehow creative  Engaging. | Interesting  Originality  Engaging  Persuasive  Creative  Full information |