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“WHAT SYMBOLIZES LATINO LOS ANGELES TO ME”

What symbolizes Latino Los Angeles to me is their unique culture. There are a lot of unique cultures out there, but the most unique is Latino Los Angeles. Hispanics explored territory that compromise over half of our present day states. One of their wonderful celebrations that they celebrate every once a year is Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo is a date of great importance to Hispanic Latino's of Mexican decent. The Hispanic population has exhibited tremendous growth in the United States within between the last thirty years. The Cinco de Mayo celebration is a time for fun, and dancing, and usually fun festivities, and excitement on that fun Hispanic holiday. The word Latino comes from within the Latin community.

The flag that represents Mexico has three different colors, red, white, and green. Red stands for blood shed during independence, green stands for hope, and fertility of the soil. The color white represents purity. The most popular Hispanic dances are the tango, and the salsa, the same word for the Spanish side dish that I love to eat, and not only me I know everyone likes salsa! The tango and the salsa are Spanish dances that are almost known over the whole world. The Hispanic heritage month begins on September 15, it's the anniversary of independence for five of their Latin American countries, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. That's another thing I love about Latino history they fought for what they wanted, & succeeded.

In the future I believe that Hispanics will be the largest minority group in the United States. The heart of understanding Hispanic culture as it has been developed in the in the Los Angeles district is to understand it from its roots. If you want to get to know how Latino history first started, I suggest you start from the beginning history. Their culture is very important to our society and of course myself. Latino history and culture symbolizes blood shed hope, and purity.