

## TEACHER GUIDE

This unique set of curriculum materials, produced by Humanities Texas in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA), supports the exploration of the rich and varied history and experiences of Latino Americans, who have helped shape the United States over the last five centuries.

The cornerstone of the project is the six-episode, NEH-supported documentary film, *Latino Americans*. This award-winning series, created for PBS by the WETA public television station, chronicles Latino Americans in the United States from the sixteenth century to present day.

This suite of online resources, designed primarily for middle and high school students, is organized by episode. Supporting each episode is a set of thematically- and topically-linked lesson plans and instructional materials that will help you and your students examine critical elements of the Latino American experience.

### DOWNLOADABLE LESSON PLANS AND WORKSHEETS

A series of downloadable lesson plans and worksheets accompany each episode. Students may complete the worksheets individually or in groups.

- **Lesson Plans** introduce teachers to each episode, the history and themes it explores, and the related instructional materials.
- **Video Analysis Worksheets** guide students through an initial examination of each episode, asking them to watch closely, take inventory of their knowledge on the subject matter, and summarize the history and themes addressed in the episode.
- **Primary Source Worksheets** ask students to examine and answer questions about primary sources such as historical documents, photographs, editorial cartoons, and oral histories. The questions are designed to aid comprehension and help students analyze the sources within the historical context portrayed in the episode.
- **Classroom Activities, Assignments, and Further Resources** provide additional prompts and ideas for assignments, lessons, and major projects that encourage students to delve even deeper into a particular aspect of the historical era portrayed in each episode.

### DIGITAL REPOSITORY

Each of the episode pages in the *Latino Americans* curriculum website includes a link to the Humanities Texas Digital Repository, which provides high-resolution digital files of many of the primary sources featured in the lesson plan materials. Click on the link in the box titled “Explore Resources” to find the materials related to each episode.

### EXPLORE AND KEEP IN TOUCH

We hope that you find these materials enlightening, inspiring, and useful, and that you will contact our staff with questions, recommendations, and stories of using these materials in your classroom. The program will become far stronger with the benefit of your guidance. Email Humanities Texas education staff at [la500@humanitiestexas.org](mailto:la500@humanitiestexas.org).