

<p>“We must use our lives to make the world a better place to live, not just to acquire things. That is what we are put on Earth for.’</p> <p>-Dolores Huerta</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Dolores Huerta (1930-present) is a Chicana community organizer most well known for helping to found the first farmworker's union in the country. The National Farm Workers Alliance, NFWA, fought for better wages and conditions for thousands of immigrant workers in California. She has also fought for feminist rights throughout her life.</p> <p><i>Union: A group of employees who work together to improve their lives.</i></p> <p><i>Feminist: A person that thinks women are equal to men, and that we need to make changes to reflect that fact</i></p>
<p>“No Statue of Liberty ever greeted us in this country. . . we did not come to the United States. The United States came to us.”</p> <p>-Luis Valdez</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Luis Valdez (1940-present) is an American Playwright. He created El Teatro Campesino, a theater company that worked to show the experiences of Mexican- Americans their fight for better treatment. His most famous play Zoot Suit, is a story based on a group of young Mexican- Americans who were unfairly accused of murder and the riots that took place after the trial. It was the first Chicano play performed on Broadway.</p> <p><i>Playwright: A person who writes plays for a living.</i></p>

<p>“Working women know their rights and proudly rise to face the struggle. . . Women are no longer servants but rather the equals of men.”</p> <p>-Jovita Idár</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Jovita Idár (1885-1946) was a journalist, teacher, and activist. She worked to provide free education for Mexican-American students and fought against poverty in her community. As a journalist, she advocated for women's rights, fought racism, and spoke out against the lynchings (murders) of Mexican-Americans by Texas Rangers.</p> <p><i>Texas Rangers: A military group founded to fight American Indians trying to reclaim their land from slave owning white United States colonists.</i></p>
<p>“The struggle is inner: Chicano, indio, American Indian, mojado, mexicano, immigrant Latino, Anglo in power, working class Anglo, Black, Asian--our psyches resemble the bordertowns and are populated by the same people. The struggle has always been inner, and is played out in outer terrains. Awareness of our situation must come before inner changes, which in turn come before changes in society. Nothing happens in the "real" world unless it first happens in the images in our heads.”</p> <p>— Gloria Anzaldua</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Gloria Anzaldua (1942-2004) was an American scholar, writer, teacher, poet and activist. Her writing blended multiple languages, poetry, prose, theory, and autobiography.</p> <p>Her poems and essays explore the anger and isolation of occupying the margins of culture and collective identity. Born in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas, her most famous book ‘<i>Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza</i>’ was a groundbreaking work that inspired a new generation of Chicano activists.</p>
<p>“People who have lived twenty and thirty years in this country with American-born children cannot be uprooted without the complete destruction of democracy and human liberties for the whole population”</p> <p>-Luisa Moreno</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Luisa Moreno was a leader in the United States labor movement and a social activist. She unionized workers, led strikes, wrote pamphlets in English and Spanish, and convened the 1939 Congreso de</p>

	<p>Pueblos de Habla Española, the "first national Latino civil rights assembly."</p> <p><i>Union: A group of employees who work together to improve their lives.</i></p> <p><i>Strike: A form of protest where workers in a company refuse to work in order to gain better conditions.</i></p>
<p>"Illegal Alien, adj./n. A term by which an invading colonial force vilifies Indigenous cultures. By identifying them as an invading colonial force."</p> <p>- Luis Alberto Urrea</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>Luis Urrea is a Mexican-American poet and novelist. Urrea uses his dual-culture life experiences to explore greater themes of love, loss and triumph.</p> <p>Born in Tijuana, Mexico to a Mexican father and an American mother, Urrea has published extensively in all the major genres. The critically acclaimed and best-selling author of 13 books, Urrea has won numerous awards for his poetry, fiction and essays</p>
<p>"I believe we have reached a point where those of us who belong to this culture of la frontera in Ysleta and El Paso are not content to sit back and watch others tell us who we are. We know who we are, and we ourselves can tell others about what we love and what we fear and what we hate and what can save us. I believe our community has developed that confidence to step forward and start taking responsibility for the many images that are projected in the name of Ysleta and El Paso."</p> <p>— Sergio Troncoso</p>	<p>Biography:</p> <p>The son of Mexican immigrants, Troncoso was born and grew up on the east side of El Paso, Texas in rural Ysleta. Troncoso graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College and received two graduate degrees in international relations and philosophy from Yale University. He won a Fulbright scholarship to Mexico, where he studied economics, politics, and literature.</p> <p>Sergio Troncoso is the author of eight books: <i>A Peculiar Kind of Immigrant's Son</i>, <i>The Last Tortilla and Other Stories</i>, <i>Crossing Borders: Personal Essays</i>, the novels <i>The Nature of Truth</i> and <i>From This Wicked Patch of Dust</i>; and as editor,</p>

	<p>Nepantla Familias: An Anthology of Mexican American Literature on Families in between Worlds and Our Lost Border: Essays on Life amid the Narco-Violence.</p>
<p>"Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures."</p> <p>- Cesar Chavez</p>	<p>Biography:  Cesar Chavez (born Cesario Estrada Chavez March 31, 1927 – April 23, 1993) was an American labor leader and civil rights activist. Along with Dolores Huerta, he co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA), which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) to become the United Farm Workers (UFW) labor union. Ideologically, his world-view combined leftist politics with Roman Catholic social teachings</p>
<p>We are Americans when we go to war, and when we return, we are Mexicans.</p> <p>-Dennis Chávez</p>	<p>Biography:  Dionisio "Dennis" Chávez (April 8, 1888 – November 18, 1962) was an American politician who served in the United States House of Representatives from 1931 to 1935, and in the United States Senate from 1935 to 1962. He was the first Hispanic person elected to a full term in the US Senate and the first U.S. Senator to be born in New Mexico (which was still a U.S. Territory at the time of his birth).</p>