

Bright Star Touring Theatre

Bienvenidos:

Tremendous Tales and Real Life Legends from the Spanish Speaking World

Classroom Study Guide

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WE'RE A NATIONALLY TOURING
THEATRE COMPANY:
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A Celebration of People from the Spanish-Speaking World.

Did you know
Spanish has
around 500
million native
speakers and
another 100
million non-native
speakers!?

ABOUT OUR SHOW



Quick Summary:

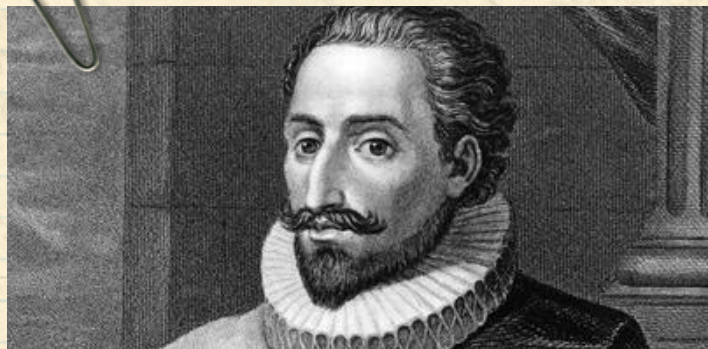
The impact of Hispanic culture on the world is immeasurable. Hear incredible stories and meet some amazing groundbreakers from the Spanish-speaking world including Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Frida Kahlo, Desi Arnaz, Jennifer Lopez and many more! This production seeks to be a celebration of Hispanic Heritage and honor these historical figures that worked to make the world a better place for all of us!

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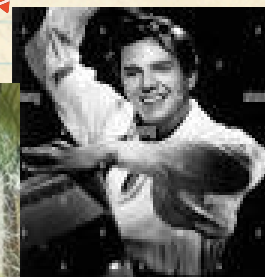
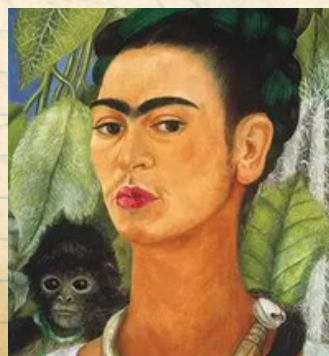
This 45-minute production has been specially designed to be enjoyed by young audiences. This show is one of dozens that we tour throughout the world from our base in Asheville, NC!

Did you know?

Spanish is the official language of 20 countries and one dependent territory: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela and Puerto Rico.



Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra. Spanish Writer and creator of *Don Quixote*



Bottom: Frida Kahlo (Left) Desi Arnaz (Right)



Frida Kahlo (1907-1954):

Frida Kahlo was a renowned Mexican artist known for her striking self-portraits and her use of bold colors and symbolism. She was born on July 6, 1907, in Coyoacán, Mexico, and she died on July 13, 1954. Kahlo is considered one of the most significant artists of the 20th century and is celebrated for her contributions to both Mexican and international art.

Kahlo's influence can be seen in contemporary art, fashion, and popular culture. Her life story and her ability to transform her personal struggles into art have resonated with audiences, and her legacy remains a symbol of strength, resilience, and individuality



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FRIDA KAHLO

Dolores Huerta Born in 1930)

Huerta was a key organizer in various nonviolent protests and strikes aimed at raising awareness about the challenges faced by farmworkers. Dolores Huerta's lifelong commitment to justice and her work on behalf of farmworkers and marginalized communities have left an indelible mark on American history. She is a symbol of courage, determination, and the power of grassroots activism to bring about positive change.

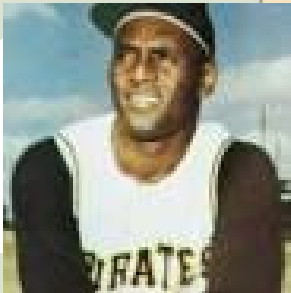


Dolores Huerta

Roberto Clemente 1934-1972

Roberto was a legendary Puerto Rican baseball player known for his outstanding skills on the field and his humanitarian efforts off the field. He is often considered one of the greatest baseball players of all time and is remembered not only for his athletic achievements but also for his philanthropy and contributions to his community.

Clemente was not only a talented athlete but also a compassionate individual committed to helping others. He was deeply involved in humanitarian work, especially in Puerto Rico and Latin America. He used his celebrity status to raise awareness and support for those in need. He tragically died in a plane crash en route to deliver aid to earthquake victims.



Miguel Cervantes de Saavedra 1547-1616

Spanish writer, poet, and playwright best known for his masterpiece "Don Quixote," which is often considered one of the greatest works of literature in Western literature. Cervantes is widely regarded as a pioneer of modern literature and a foundational figure in the development of the novel.

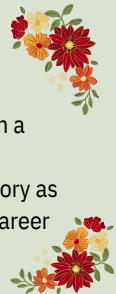
Cervantes' innovative approach to storytelling influenced subsequent generations of writers and novelists. His character Don Quixote has become an enduring symbol of idealism, chivalry, and the power of imagination.



Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia Sotomayor was born to Puerto Rican parents and grew up in a housing project in The Bronx. Despite facing financial challenges, she excelled academically and attended Princeton University on a scholarship. She graduated summa cum laude from Princeton in 1976.

Sotomayor is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Sotomayor made history as the first Hispanic and Latina justice to serve on the highest court in the United States. Her life and career are marked by achievements, advocacy, and dedication to the pursuit of justice.



Desi Arnaz (1917-1986) was a Cuban-American musician, actor, and television producer best known for his role as Ricky Ricardo in the classic TV sitcom "I Love Lucy." He was also a talented musician and played a significant role in shaping the early days of television and popular culture.

Arnaz and Lucille Ball co-founded Desilu Productions, which became a pioneering force in television production. Desilu produced not only "I Love Lucy" but also other popular TV shows like "The Untouchables" and "Star Trek."



You'll Meet Way More in our Show!

Classroom Activities

CLASSROOM IDEA: Collage Creation

- Gather together: Pictures from printouts or magazines or online resources depicting Spanish Legends or Hispanic Heroes.
- Assemble the Collage: Students can cut out pictures and arrange them on a sheet of construction paper.
- Hang these in the hallway or classroom to spark conversation about what makes these legends so great!

CLASSROOM IDEA: Bilingual 'Simon Says'

"Simon Says" Spanish Vocabulary Game: Instead of using index cards, you can play a variation of the classic "Simon Says" game. Use basic Spanish words and phrases as commands. For example:

- "Simon says to stand up." (Levántate.)
- "Simon says touch your head." (Toca tu cabeza.)
- "Simon says say 'Hola.'" (Di 'Hola'.)

CLASSROOM IDEA: Mexican Folk Art Craft

Introduce kids to Mexican folk art, which was an influence on Frida Kahlo's work. Have them create their own folk art-inspired crafts, such as making papel picado (cut paper banners) or decorating calavera masks (sugar skull masks) for Día de los Muertos.

CLASSROOM IDEA: Spanish Heritage Showcase

- 1. Preparation:** Divide the class into small groups. Assign each group a specific aspect of Spanish heritage to focus on. Here are some categories you can consider:
 - **Culture and Traditions:** Flamenco dance, bullfighting, festivals (La Tomatina, Semana Santa), traditional clothing (trajes regionales), etc.
 - **History and Landmarks:** Exploring historical events, landmarks (Alhambra, Sagrada Familia), and famous historical figures.
 - **Art and Artists:** Learning about Spanish painters (Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí), art styles (Surrealism, Cubism), and famous works.
 - **Cuisine:** Discovering Spanish dishes (paella, tapas), ingredients, and culinary traditions.
 - **Geography:** Understanding Spain's regions, landscapes, and climate diversity.
- 2. Research and Creation:** Have each group research their assigned aspect of Spanish heritage using books, online resources, and provided information sheets. They should create a poster or multimedia presentation that showcases key information, images, and interesting facts. For the cuisine category, students can prepare simple Spanish recipes.
- 3. Interactive Expo:** Set up the classroom with tables for each group's display. Each group presents their findings using their posters, presentations, and any relevant props. Encourage students to be creative and interactive by incorporating hands-on activities, such as trying on traditional clothing, practicing flamenco dance moves, or sampling Spanish food.
- 4. Rotation and Exploration:** Allow students to rotate among the different expo displays. Provide them with passports (simple booklets or sheets) to collect stamps or stickers from each group as they learn about different aspects of Spanish heritage.

CLASSROOM IDEA: Journal Time
Encourage students to imagine they are meeting any of the legends they met in the play!
In their journals or on blank sheets of paper, have them write a short dialogue or journal entry where they ask these people questions and learn about their motivations.
Maybe it's a journal entry written from the perspective of one of these legends and about them reflecting on one of their life accomplishments.



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WHO ON EARTH IS BRIGHT STAR THEATRE?

Founded in 2003, Bright Star tours with a number of shows each season, from anti-bullying and STEM to Black History, and everything in between. The company strives to make professional theatre as accessible as possible with affordable pricing and quality shows.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve your young audience and hope you found the show and actors pleasant and enjoyable. We hope to make theatre a part of every young person's life!

THEATRE DEFINITIONS

Actors: The people on stage that perform the play.

Backdrop: The background for the play.

Props: Anything that an actor holds while on stage--a cane, book or rubber chicken.

Downstage: the area closest to the audience -- a long time ago stages were built at angles.

Upstage: The area away from the audience-- like the back wall of a stage.

Director: The person who tells the actors where to go while they are on-stage and helped them create the characters they would play.

Costumes: The wigs, clothing and glasses that the actors wear to help flesh out their characters.

Auditions: How an actor gets a role is by auditioning. They may have to interview, pretend to be a character from the play, read something from it, etc.

Set designer: The person who decides what should be on the background and who paints or creates it.

CONTACT US ANYTIME

Connect with us anytime! We love receiving feedback, thank you cards, pictures and whatever else from you and your students.

The best way to contact us is to send an email to booking@brightstartheatre.com

Our actors average around 1,000 miles a week traveling the country to entertain young audiences.

Our company was founded in 2003 and is owned by an Emmy winning Actor.

Our programs have been seen around the country and across the world!