

HISPANIC HERITAGE

READING COMPREHENSION!

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Hispanic Heritage L1



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☐ gardening ☐ playing basketball
☐ singing ☐ fashion designing

2) Where was Oscar de la Renta born?

☐ Columbia ☐ Dominican Republic
☐ Mexico ☐ Argentina

3) What country did he move to?

☐ The United States ☐ China
☐ Ireland ☐ England



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1) What is Bruno known for?

- ☐ graphic designing ☐ playing basketball
☐ singing ☐ woodworking

2) Which award has he won fifteen times?

- ☐ Tony Award ☐ Grammy Award
☐ Emmy Award ☐ Golden Globe Award

3) He performs a wide range of what?

- ☐ subject areas ☐ math problems
☐ tropical islands ☐ musical styles

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- ☐ master's degrees ☐ coaching certifications
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Helen Rodriguez Trías

Helen was a pediatrician, women's rights activist, and teacher. She helped expand the range of public health services for women and children in low-income communities around the world. In 2001, she received a Presidential Citizens Medal.

1) What kind of doctor was Helen?

- ☐ dermatologist ☐ cardiologist
☐ pediatrician ☐ neurologist

2) She helped expand the range of public what?

- ☐ health services ☐ libraries
☐ transportation ☐ universities

3) When did she receive a Presidential Citizens Medal?

- ☐ 2011 ☐ 2001
☐ 2010 ☐ 2003

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1) What was Frida Kahlo known for being?

- ☐ a police officer ☐ a painter
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2) When was Frida Kahlo born?

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Joseph Acaba

Joseph is an educator, hydrogeologist, and the first NASA astronaut with Puerto Rican Heritage. He was a flight engineer aboard the International Space Station. In 2023, he was appointed Chief of the Astronaut Office.

1) What is Joseph known for being?

2) What space station was he a flight engineer on?

3) In what year was he appointed Chief Astronaut?

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3) What space shuttle did she fly in?

- ☐ *Enterprise* ☐ *Columbia*
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