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Celebrating Dolores Huerta Day!

Civic Engagement: Women of Color Activists

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One-Day Lesson Goals

- Students will be introduced to Dolores Huerta's activism and Dolores Huerta Day
- Students will examine the power of civic engagement through Dolores Huerta's activism work
- Students will understand policy context that led to organizing actions and the resulting laws
- Students be introduced to the concept of intersectionality
- Students will identify women of color activists and their contributions throughout civil rights history
- Students will identify local women of color community leaders and devise methods of contributing to their causes

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Introduction to Dolores Huerta

And Dolores Huerta Day
on April 10th

Are you familiar with Dolores Huerta?

Write down anything and everything that you know about Dolores Huerta

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Who is Dolores Huerta?

Brief Background:

- Born in April 10, 1930 in Dawson, New Mexico
- Active in numerous school clubs
- Was a majorette
- Dedicated member of the Girl Scouts until the age of 18.
- Continued her education at the University of Pacific's Delta College in Stockton earning a provisional teaching credential.
- While teaching she could no longer bear to see her students come to school with empty stomachs and bare feet, and thus began her lifelong journey of working to correct economic injustice.
- Dolores left for delano from stockton in 1962
- Mother of 11



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Who is Dolores Huerta?

What She Saw

- Segregation
- Discrimination
- Poor Social conditions of Farmworkers
- Poor economic conditions of farm workers

What She Did

- Quit teaching to fight farmworker oppression
- 1955 stockton chapter of Community Service Organization (CSO) with Fred Ross
- 1960 Started Agricultural Workers of America (AWA)
- Voter registration Drives
- Lobbied politicians to allow non-US citizens to receive public assistance, pensions, and Spanish ballots, Spanish driving tests



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Who is Dolores Huerta?

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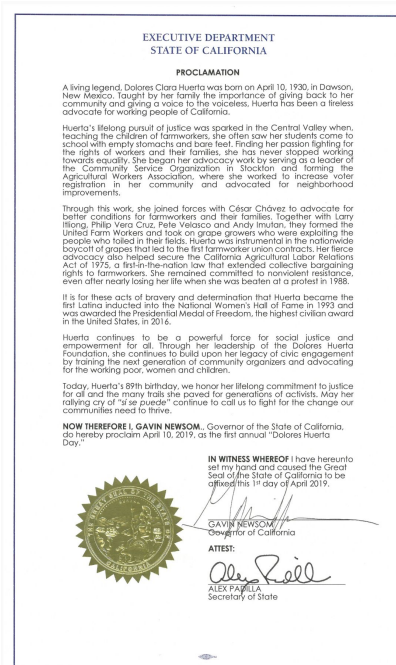
- [Hispanic Heritage: Who is Labor Activist Dolores Huerta?](#)
- [Portrait in Minute: Dolores Huerta](#)
- [Chicago Tonight: Latino Voices](#)

Celebrating Dolores Huerta Day!

- April 10th (Dolores Huerta's birthday)
- Established in 2019 in California
- Recognition of lifelong pursuit of justice



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Read proclamation: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2019/04/10/dolores-huerta-day/>

What is Civic Engagement?



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Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our **communities** and developing the combination of **knowledge, skills, values** and **motivations** to make that difference. It means promoting the **quality of life** in a community, through both **political** and **non-political processes** (Civic Responsibility in Higher Education, Ehrlich, 2000, p.vi).



Operating with unwavering **hope**, we believe in achieving the seemingly unattainable. “**Si se puede**” embodies a **collective awakening to individual and communal power**. Our civic engagement department is dedicated to equipping **grassroots leaders** with the **tools** and **knowledge** essential for guiding their **communities** toward enduring **transformative solutions**. We aim to create a Central Valley of **informed** and **engaged citizens** and **voters** ready to **advocate, educate, vote**, and use our political system to create a more **just** and **equitable** Central Valley (Dolores Huerta Foundation website).

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A Woman's Role...



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- Discuss the expectations of a woman; of the expectations placed on a woman like Dolores
- Questions to consider: What is a feminist from a critical race theory perspective? Who are other models?

Dolores Huerta: 58 Sexist Comments in the United Farm Workers Meeting



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Some of her recognitions and where she is at now

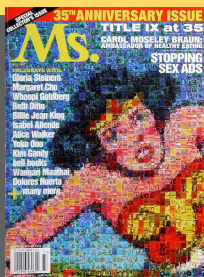
- 4 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA
- 1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS
- 1 HIGH SCHOOL IN PUEBLO, COLORADO
- INDUCTED INTO THE CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME IN MARCH OF 2013
- IN 2012 PRESIDENT OBAMA BESTOWED DOLORES WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Right: President Barack Obama talks to attendees during the Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremony, held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at the White House in Washington. Photo Credit: (NASA/Bill Ingalls)

Right: Ms. Magazine cover, Fall 2007.
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RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS

- THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HUMANS RIGHTS AWARD
- MS. MAGAZINE'S ONE OF THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT WOMEN OF 1997
- LADIES HOME JOURNAL'S 100 MOST IMPORTANT WOMAN OF THE 20TH CENTURY
- THE PUFFIN FOUNDATION'S AWARD FOR CREATIVE CITIZENSHIP \$100,000
- LABOR LEADER AWARD 1984,
- THE KERN COUNTY WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE
- THE OHTLI AWARD FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
- THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION – JAMES SMITHSON AWARD,
- 9 HONORARY DOCTORATES FROM UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

- This list was last updated in April of 2019.
- Point out that the Puffin Foundation's award is highlighted because it was with that monetary award that Dolores founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation in 2002 where she continues to fight for civil and human rights. More information [here](#).

Women of Color Activists



Rosa Parks

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Women of the Black Panther Party



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[Women of the Black Panther Party](#)

[Black Panthers at 50: What was the role of women in the Black Panther Party?](#)

Discussion Question

How do you think the experiences of women and women of color differ from men or white women in activist movements?

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The Urgency of Intersectionality: Kimberlé Crenshaw



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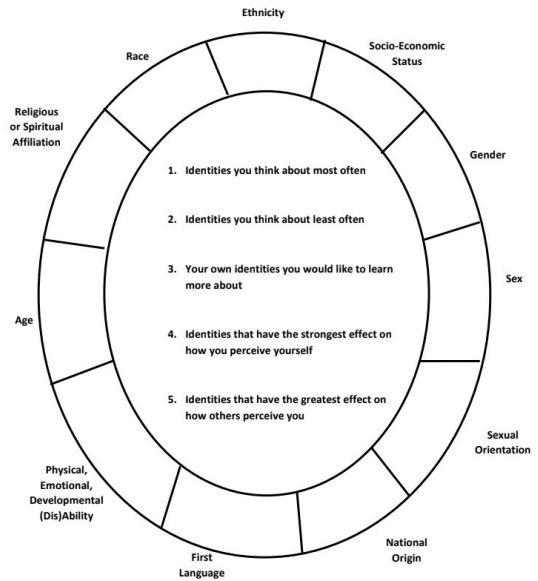
Who am I? Activity

- Pass out notecards
- On one side, write down words that they would use to describe themselves
- On the other side, write down words that others might use to describe them
- Reflect on the differences between these two sides and what is lost when you only use words that others would use
- Discuss as a class

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Social Identity Wheel

- Review social identity handout
- Fill in the wheel and then write answers to each question
- Pair/share and then with the whole class as comfortable



Adapted for use by the Program on Intergroup Relations and the Spectrum Center, University of Michigan.
Resource hosted by LSA Inclusive Teaching Initiative, University of Michigan (<http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/inclusive-teaching/>).

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Community Engagement: ¡Sí Se Puede!

How can you be involved??

- Research women of color activist issues and consider ways to participate
 - Boycotting
 - Protesting
 - Calling/writing letters of support to elected officials
 - More!



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[Five calls app](#) - Identifies local representatives, provides scripts for calling reps and bringing attention to relevant current issues

[Find your Congress members](#)