

# ESL Professional Development...

## 🍁 Celebrate Fall and Hispanic Heritage month! 🍁

Hispanic Heritage month commences on September 15th and concludes on October 15th. Consider using lessons that highlight Hispanic American pioneers and incorporate digital literacy! It's important to note that digital literacy encompasses "the skills associated with using technology to enable users to find, evaluate, organize, create, and communicate information; and developing digital citizenship and the responsible use of technology (LINCS, 2023).

Why not make use a Google Doodles? These are fun and surprising changes to the Google logo to mark special occasions or holidays. Use these [Hispanic heritage-themed doodles](#) as a starting point for discussions about this significant holiday.

### I have... 10 minutes

#### In 10 minutes...

Share the **Google Doodles** and explain to students what it is and how it relates to Hispanic Heritage month. Demonstrate how to open a Google Chrome page and allow students to access this on their phones or devices to check if Google has modified its logo. Read aloud the two articles to begin your discussion about this holiday.

- [Google honors nurse and educator Ildaura Murillo-Rohde](#)
- [Mexican-American botanist and explorer Ynés Mexía](#)

### I have... 30 minutes

#### In 30 minutes...

Did you know that using a **graphic organizer** is a way to build your student's critical thinking skills? Betsy Parish states, "if we use the right graphic organizer for students to fill in while reading a text, we can help learners recognize text structure." (LINCS, 2017). Let's try using one in a digital format! If your students have not yet done this, try printing out the graphic organizer as you model it.

Use the [Change Agent Immigration Story - Issue 56](#) to teach about Latinx immigration stories written by ESL students. Allocate time in class for students to engage in discussion to compare their own stories using a [Venn diagram](#) (please make a copy) on Jamboard about what is the same or different about their stories. Here are [tips](#) on how to use a Venn Diagram.

### I have... 1 hour

#### In 1 hour...

If you have more time...

Read or listen to a [short article](#) about Hispanic Heritage Month to enhance your understanding about current issues surrounding this subject.

- Watch this [video](#) on using the Google Jamboard app.

### I have... multiple hours

#### If you have more time...

If you have more time...

- [Find resources and lesson plans to teach digital literacy here](#)
- [Colorin Colorado resources and lessons for Hispanic Heritage month](#)

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