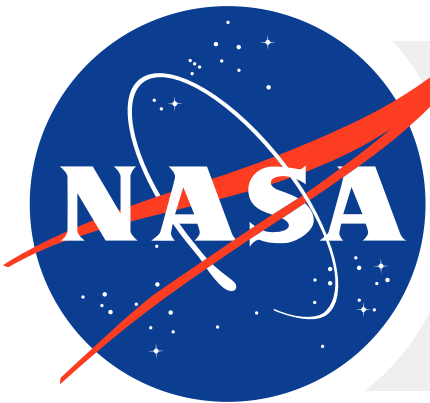


NAF celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th to highlight the innovations, culture, and history of individuals and their ancestors from Central and South America, Spain, Mexico and the Caribbean.

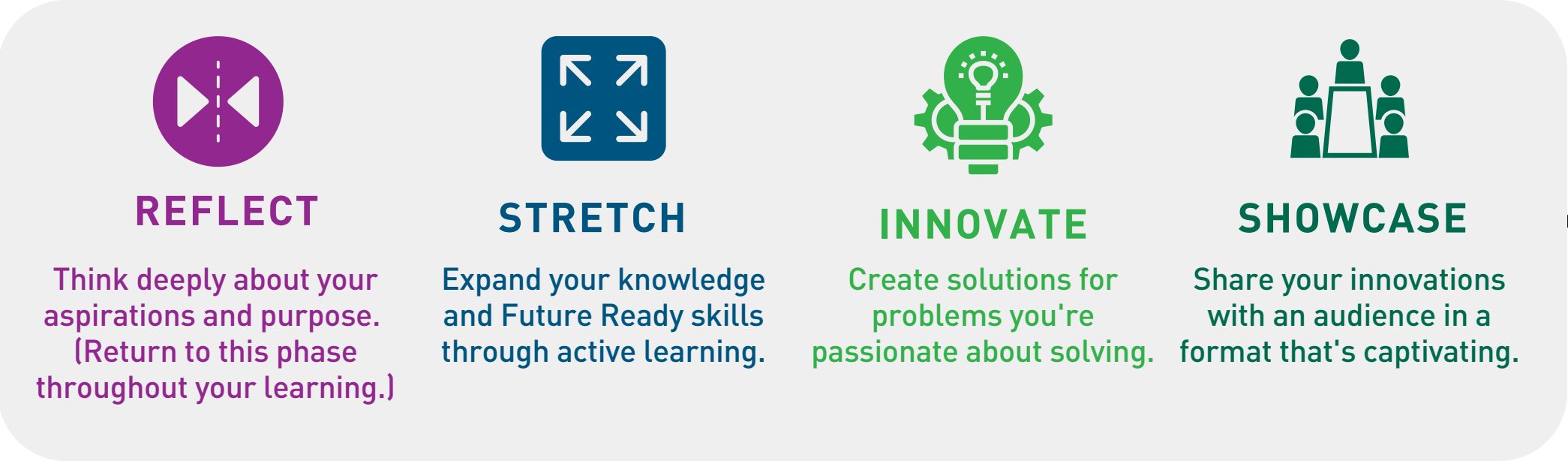
Since culture is vibrant year-round, we invite the NAF network to expand their learning about Hispanic Heritage beyond October 15th.

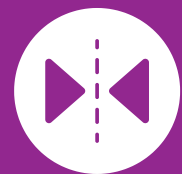


Visit [NASA's Hispanic Heritage Month](#) page to learn about Hispanic NASA employees in roles from astronaut to digital content strategist.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: ???

HOW HAVE HISPANIC LEADERS SHAPED OUR COUNTRY?





REFLECT

Think deeply about your social awareness, perspectives, and relationship with your culture and those of others.

ASK YOURSELF:

Who is Hispanic?

Who are the Hispanic teens changing the world?

What indigenous languages are spoken in my home country/Latin American and Caribbean countries?



What's the difference between Hispanic, Latino and Latinx?

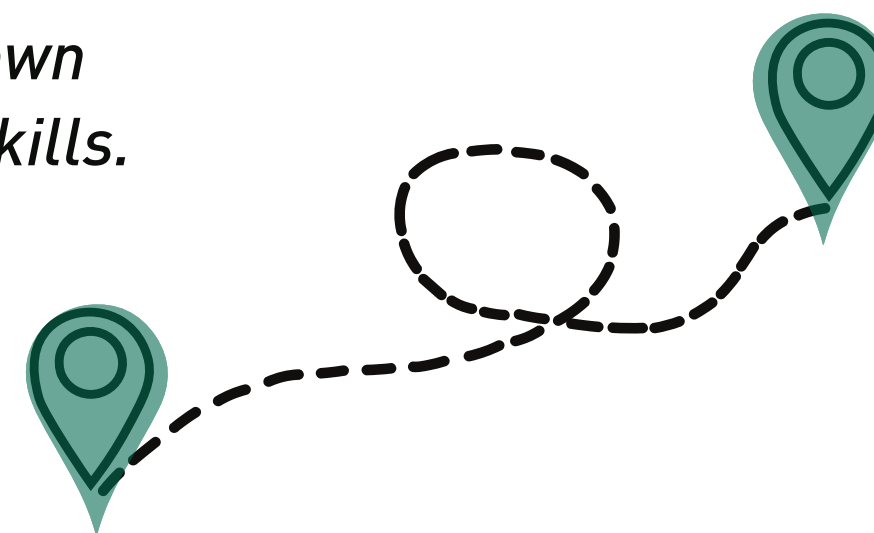
ADD YOUR REFLECTION QUESTION(S) HERE:



STRETCH

Engage deeper in learning through your own initiative to expand your knowledge and skills.

- Read [Racial wealth snapshot: Latino Americans](#)
- Investigate the threat of [extinction of indigenous languages in Latin America](#)
- Explore Hispanic/Latinx influences in your career pathway.



EXPLORE:

What are historically important places in your local hometown/region related to Hispanic heritage?



INNOVATE

Create solutions for real-world problems you are passionate about and want to solve. Choose one of the options below:

Choice 1: Collect stories that celebrate Hispanic professionals in your career pathway.

Choice 2: Develop a plan that welcomes new Hispanic immigrant students to your school.

Choice 3: Research your family tree, then create a visual representation that illustrates your lineage.



Samantha Suazo, 19, from Big Sky High School in Big Sky, Montana founded Noticias Montaña, a Spanish language digital newspaper to report on stories affecting Latinos that were not being covered.

Choice 4: Design a marketing plan that increases the client base and revenue for a Hispanic-owned business.



SHOWCASE

Share your learning with the world in one (or more) of these ways:

Choice 1: Publish a blog article to share your experience constructing a family tree.

Choice 2: Present your marketing plan to business owners.

Choice 3: Invite local partners to your volunteer event benefitting the Hispanic community.

Choice 4: Coordinate with your school's activities coordinator to create a program to showcase student projects.



Meet Luis Martinez is the founder of [We Tha Plug](#), an incubator designed to help underrepresented groups launch their own startups by providing the tools and resources necessary to get their ideas off the ground.