



# Sparkenthusiasm **October 2017** Newsletter



Happy **Halloween** and **Day of the Dead** to all!

Here is the link to our site that has many resources and videos for teaching **Halloween** and **Day of the Dead**. There are power points, ideas for bulletin boards, games, activities, and tons of free videos.

[http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/day\\_of\\_the\\_dead\\_resources.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/day_of_the_dead_resources.html)



**El Libro de la Vida - The Book of Life** is an excellent movie to teach about the Day of the Dead, José Guadalupe Pasada, Los Mariachis, Las Serenatas, La Vihuela Mexicana, and Las Corridas de Toros. Check out our *Book of Life* web page for time-saving high-quality resources and related videos to show!

[http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el\\_libro\\_de\\_la\\_vida.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_libro_de_la_vida.html)



The amazing documentary, **The Latin Explosion: A New America**, is available on HBO On Demand and teaches the tremendous influence that Hispanics have had on our country throughout history. We showed the documentary AND taught the students about many famous Latinos, about Puerto Rico, and we raised money for hurricane victims while incorporating some singing and dancing! It was a wonderful event!

Here is the link for all of the resources we used to teach this

worthwhile unit! <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Activities-Songs-for-Amazing-Documentary-on-Hispanics-in-US-Musica-Latina-3445518>

Watch the trailers here! [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/the\\_latin\\_explosion.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/the_latin_explosion.html)



The movie, **Sin Nombre**, teaches about immigration, poverty, gangs, the train that many immigrants ride through Mexico called La Bestia and friendship. The obstacles faced by migrants traveling from Central America to the United States for a better life are beautifully depicted. *Sin Nombre* tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a young girl from Honduras and a teenager who tries desperately to leave his gang. Visit the following link to find the trailer and other additional materials. [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/sin\\_nombre.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/sin_nombre.html)





This beautiful new Spanish song, "**La Estrategia**" is by the amazing Colombian duo, Cali y El Dandee and it already has 100 million views on Youtube! Our "**La Estrategia**" unit has resources for reinforcing irregular verbs, comprehension questions for the amazing video, biographical information about Cali y El Dandee with questions, an article with questions, and a class discussion starter about the video and song. The inspiring music video is perfect for sparking discussions about family, poverty, homelessness, stereotypes and hope!

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/La-Estrategia-Spanish-Song-Lyrics-Activities-Cali-y-el-Dandee-3439347>



We have just begun our **pen pal program** with other area high schools! Visit our website to find lots of resources on how to start a similar program at your school! [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/pen\\_pal\\_program.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/pen_pal_program.html)

**Fiesta Friday!** Spice up your classes with fun learning games each Friday! [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/games\\_in\\_spanish.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/games_in_spanish.html)



Students of all levels will love these **Snap & Chat** speaking games and the interesting article with questions included.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Snap-and-Chat-Fun-Interactive-Games-Article-in-Spanish-3439386>



For those of you that like to plan in advance, our **Thanksgiving** materials are available on our website! [http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/thanksgiving\\_resources.html](http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/thanksgiving_resources.html)

Follow us on social media to see daily ideas, photos, and new product alerts!



To see all of our past newsletters, visit our website: <http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/newsletters.html>



We are having a sale from **October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>** and have discounted many products in our store. Here is the link to view all of our products and to see our sale items:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Spark-Enthusiasm-Spanish>

All the best to you in your teaching endeavors!

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