



The Tiny
LATINX
PRESERVATION TOOLKIT



TINY HANDS,
BIG IMPACT:
KIDS
PRESERVING
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HISTORIA

The Tiny toolkit:
Just for kids



What is historic preservation?

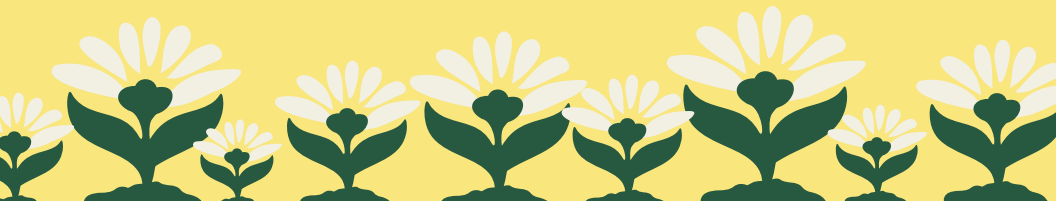
Imagine you have a favorite toy you really love. Now, how you would feel if that toy started to get old or a little worn out?

Historic preservation is like taking care of things that are really old and special. Historic preservationists take care of really old and special things, such as buildings, places, or objects, so that they can be enjoyed by people for a long, long time.

These old buildings and places have so many stories to tell. They teach us about the past and how people used to live. So, by taking care of them, we're helping to keep those stories alive and share them with everyone, including kids like you, so you can learn and enjoy them too!

Most recently, Rio Vista Farm, a really special place in Socorro, Texas, that used to house Mexican farmworkers, became a National Historic Landmark, which means that people in power will work really hard to protect the farm. This is huge accomplishment for the Latinx community!

No effort is too small.
Get involved!





6 ways you can get involved

Document your history

Keep a journal that captures experiences, special moments, and anything you and your loved ones may find interesting!

Learn and explore

Visit historic places, museums, and local landmarks with your family and learn about their stories. Ask questions and be curious!

Participate in events

Attend historical events or festivals in your community. Sometimes parades, reenactments, and special celebrations bring history to life.



Volunteer

Some preservation projects might be looking for young volunteers. Check with local historical societies, museums, or community organizations to see if there are events where you can help.

Create art

Use your creativity to make art inspired by history. Draw, paint, or craft things that remind you of the past!

Share stories

Share what you have learned about history with your friends, family, or classmates. You can tell stories, create presentations, or even draw pictures to share the exciting things you've discovered.



"We told our own
story, and thus
that of the
United States"

-Doctora Antonia
Castañeda

Who were the braceros?

Braceros were farmworkers from Mexico who came to work in the United States. They did things like plant seeds, water the plants, and pick the fruits and vegetables when they're ready.

A long time ago, there weren't enough people to do all these jobs. So, the US and Mexico made a special deal where they asked Mexicans to come and work on American farms.

Braceros worked really hard to make the US their new home. But, often times, braceros were not treated nicely. So they often had to fight for their rights and for safe working conditions.

Did you know...?

The word 'bracero' means 'strong arms' in Spanish, and that's because these workers were known for their hard work and strength.



Important farmworker tools



Shovels: Used for digging and moving soil.



Rakes: Used for making the soil smooth.



Pitchforks: For moving hay, straw, or compost.



Wheelbarrows: For transporting materials. It looks like a big, sturdy container with a handle and a single wheel underneath.



Hoses and Sprinklers: For watering large areas by hand.



Watering Cans: Used for small-scale watering.



Boots: Used to keep your feet safe.



Hats: Keep you safe against the sun and keep you cool.

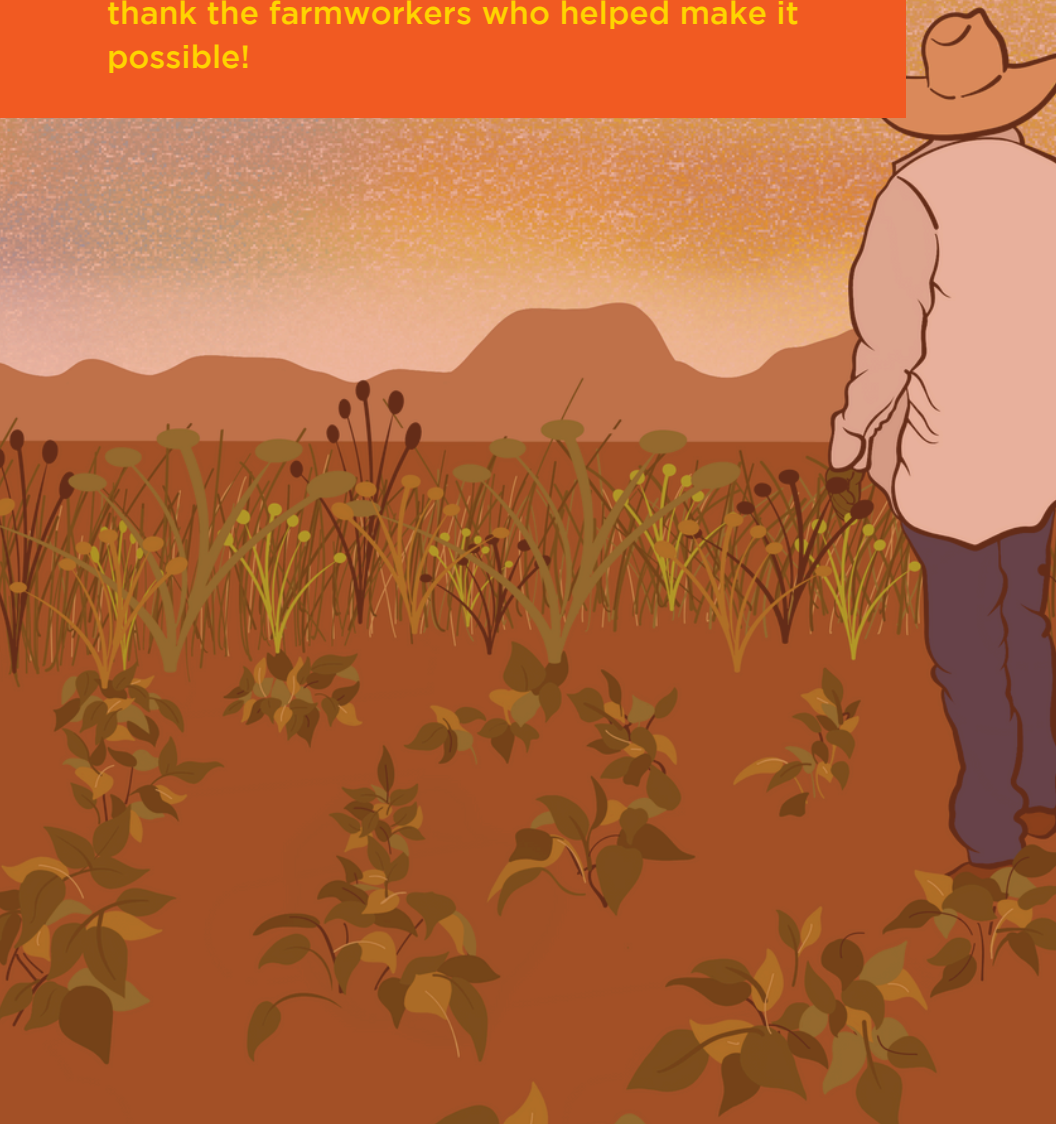


Gloves: To make sure your hands stay safe while working.

Farmworkers Today

Farmworkers are still the superheroes of the countryside! Farmworkers help grow the delicious fruits, vegetables, and grains we find on our tables and are recognized as essential.

Next time you enjoy a juicy apple, a crunchy carrot, or a yummy slice of bread, remember to thank the farmworkers who helped make it possible!



The Farmworker Wordsearch



Find the words below hidden in the puzzle. As you find the words, circle them!

FRUIT
ESSENTIAL
BRACERO

HISTORY
ESSENTIAL
CHAVEZ
FARMWORKER

SHOVEL
STORIES
PLANTING



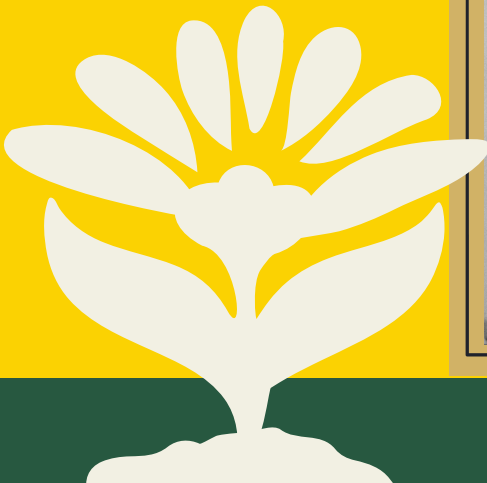
Who was Cesar Chavez?

Cesar Chavez was an important person who cared about the lives of farmworkers. He wanted to make sure that the people who grow and pick fruits and vegetables in the US had good pay, fair treatment, and were safe at their jobs.

Chavez believed that everyone, no matter where they come from or what job they do, deserved respect and fairness. He started the United Farm Workers Union, which is like a big team that helped farm workers talk to their bosses about getting fair pay and good working conditions.

Chavez also led peaceful marches and demonstrations to show his support and ask for action.

On March 31, we celebrate Cesar Chavez day and remember him as a kind and brave person who stood up for what was right and worked to make sure everyone is treated fairly!



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What are demonstrations?

Demonstrations, or protests, are gatherings of people sharing their feelings about things happening in the world that they want to change. In a demonstration, people might hold signs or say chants to let everyone know what they believe in.

It's a way for them to show that they want something to change. Protests are like a big group saying, 'Hey, we think this is important, and we want everyone to know.' It's one way people can work together to make their voices heard and try to make the world a better place.



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