

May 2011 Newsletter: Month-long celebrations of Asian-Pacific American and Jewish American heritage and special holidays including Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day.

May 1st marks the beginning of the month-long celebration recognizing the many cultural and historical contributions of Asian-Pacific and Jewish Americans to the American experience. Please see the TPS @ DePaul May 2010 newsletter for Library of Congress resources you can use to enrich learning about these Americans. http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_May_2010.html

Other special days in May are Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day. Cinco de Mayo, "May 5," marks the anniversary of the legendary Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 when a small Mexican force defeated a larger force of French soldiers. Together with the celebration of Mexican Independence on September 16, Cinco de Mayo has become a day to celebrate Hispanic heritage in the U.S.

May is also a time to remember mothers. The first official Mother's Day took place on May 9, 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation asking all Americans to mark this day with reverence for mothers. Mother's Day has since been celebrated on the second Sunday in May in the United States. This year Mother's Day falls on May 8, 2011.

May 5, Cinco de Mayo

Today in History, May 5, Cinco de Mayo. Learn the history of the holiday and Hispanic American resources at the Library of Congress.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/may05.html>

America's Story from America's Library: Cinco de Mayo A Local Legacy

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/co/es_co_cinco_1.html

Hispanic Americans (Themed resource)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/hispanic-americans/index.html>

Family Customs Past and Present: Exploring Cultural Rituals (Lesson Plan)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/ritual/>

Immigration: Mexican (Presentation)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/mexican.html>

May 9, The First Mother's Day

Today in History, May 9, Mother's Day. Learn about the origins of Mother's Day, collections with numerous

Mother's Day related
items, recommended search terms and more!
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/may09.html>

Looking into Holidays Past Through Primary Sources, see Mother's Day (Activity)
http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/holidays-past/document/index_spring.html

Honor Your Mother (Wise Guide)
<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/may03/mother.html>

America's Story from America's Library: The First Mother's Day
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/jazz/jb_jazz_mother_1.html

Search the Women's History Collections at the LOC for examples and photos of the work of women and mothers in the U.S.
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?category=Women%27s%20History>

Search sound recordings collection using keywords like mother, mothers, or mother songs for songs and recordings about mothers.
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Sound+Recording>

Example: Recording of La Madre Querida = Mother Dear
[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/ftvbib,berl,afccalbib,cwband,coolbib,papr,cmns,flwpabib,afcreed,cowellbib,toddbib,afcnyebib,lomaxbib,raelbib,afcwip,omhbib,afcpearl,pin,qlt,ncr,afc911bib,afcesnbib,varstg,nfor:@field\(NUMBER+@band\(afccc+a3867b2\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/ftvbib,berl,afccalbib,cwband,coolbib,papr,cmns,flwpabib,afcreed,cowellbib,toddbib,afcnyebib,lomaxbib,raelbib,afcwip,omhbib,afcpearl,pin,qlt,ncr,afc911bib,afcesnbib,varstg,nfor:@field(NUMBER+@band(afccc+a3867b2)))

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