

Filipino History Month

Beyond the Margins: Centering
Intersectional Filipino American Histories



Theme 2026

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This Filipino Heritage Month, we celebrate “Beyond the Margins: Centering Intersectional Filipino American Histories” by honoring the diverse stories, experiences, and contributions that shape Filipino American communities. This theme invites us to recognize how race, gender, class, generation, migration, geography, language, faith, disability, LGBTQ+ identity, and other intersecting experiences influence our histories and identities. By centering voices and stories that have too often been overlooked, we deepen our understanding of Filipino American history, celebrate the richness and resilience of our communities, and create space for the many ways Filipino American stories continue to evolve and shape our future.



"I never want to stop
learning and growing as a
person."



Olivia Rodrigo, 23
Grammy Winner
Multi Platinum Album

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History

What is Filipino Heritage Month and why we
celebrate it

Filipino Heritage Month Timeline

Philippine Independence

The Philippines declared independence from Spain on June 12, 1898, an important moment in Filipino history and identity.

1898



1906

First Filipino Farm Workers Arrive in the U.S

Filipino workers began arriving in Hawaii and later the mainland U.S., helping build Filipino American communities.

Immigration and Nationality Act

Changes to U.S. immigration laws allowed more Filipinos to immigrate, leading to rapid growth of Filipino American families and communities

1965



1993

Filipino American History Month Begins

Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) established October as Filipino American History Month, celebrating Filipino heritage, culture, and contributions in the United States.



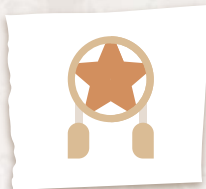
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Ways to celebrate Filipino Heritage Month



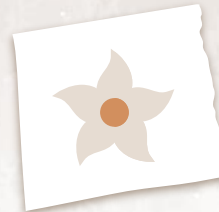
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Ways to celebrate



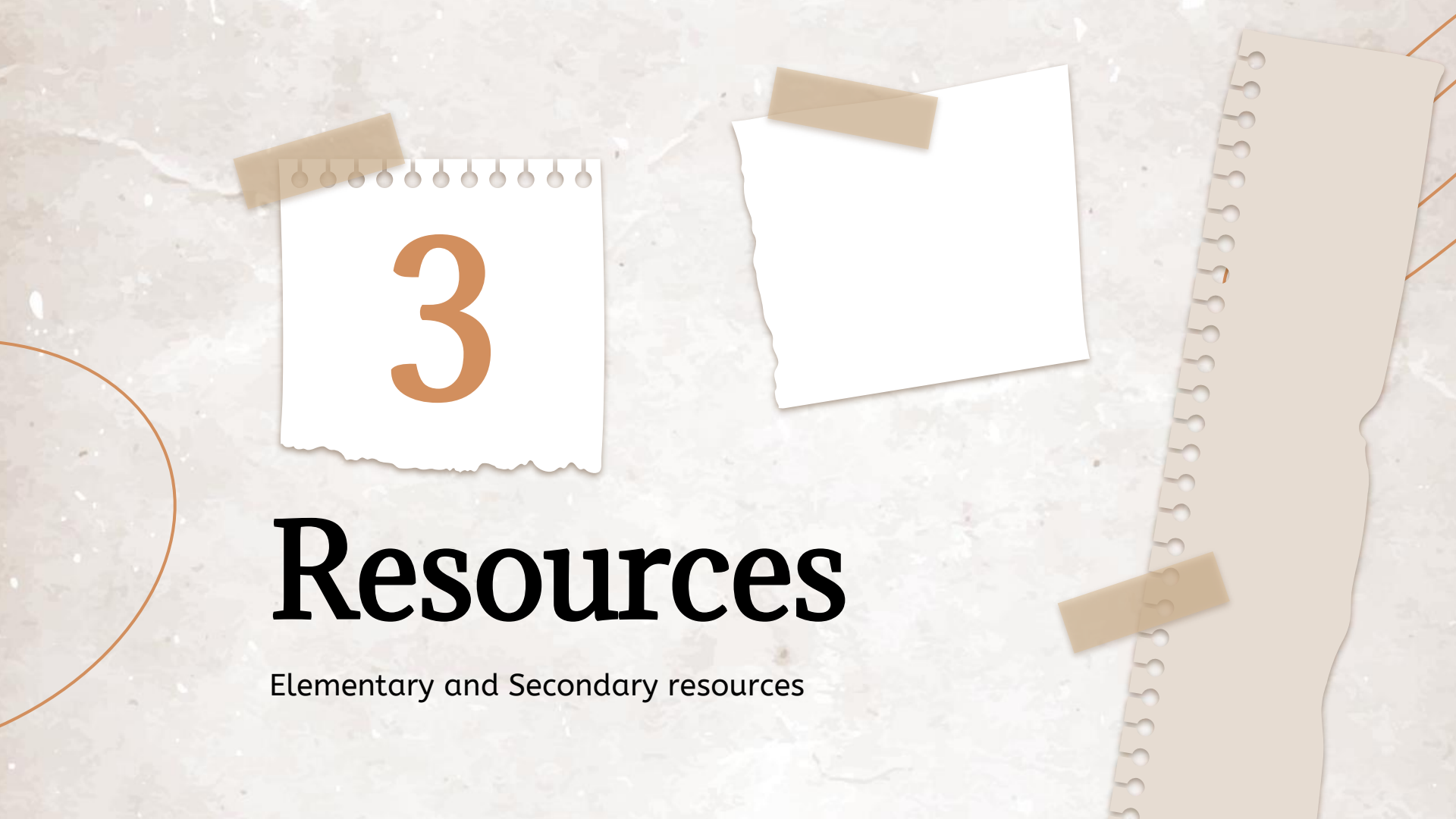
Learn about Filipino American history

Read about important Filipino American leaders, events, and contributions to the United States



Celebrate Filipino culture

Enjoy Filipino food, music, dances, traditions, or attend a Filipino cultural event with family and friends

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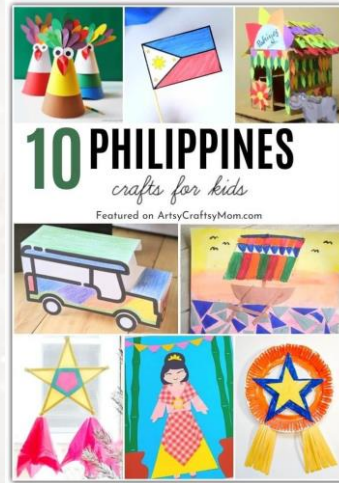
Resources

Elementary and Secondary resources

Elementary Resources



1 Minute Video



Craft



Read aloud

Secondary Resources

History and English

- [Larry Itliong and Filipino American Farmworkers](#)
- [Philip Vera Cruz: Justice for Farm Workers](#)
- [Filipino American Farmworkers — PBS](#)
- [Filipino-American Materials — Library of Congress](#)

STEM

- [Ifugao Rice Terraces — UNESCO](#)
- [Tropical Cyclone Tracks — PAGASA](#)
- [Tropical Cyclone Rainfall — PAGASA](#)
- [Earthquake Hazard Maps — PHIVOLCS](#)
- [How Mangroves Protect Coasts](#)

More to explore

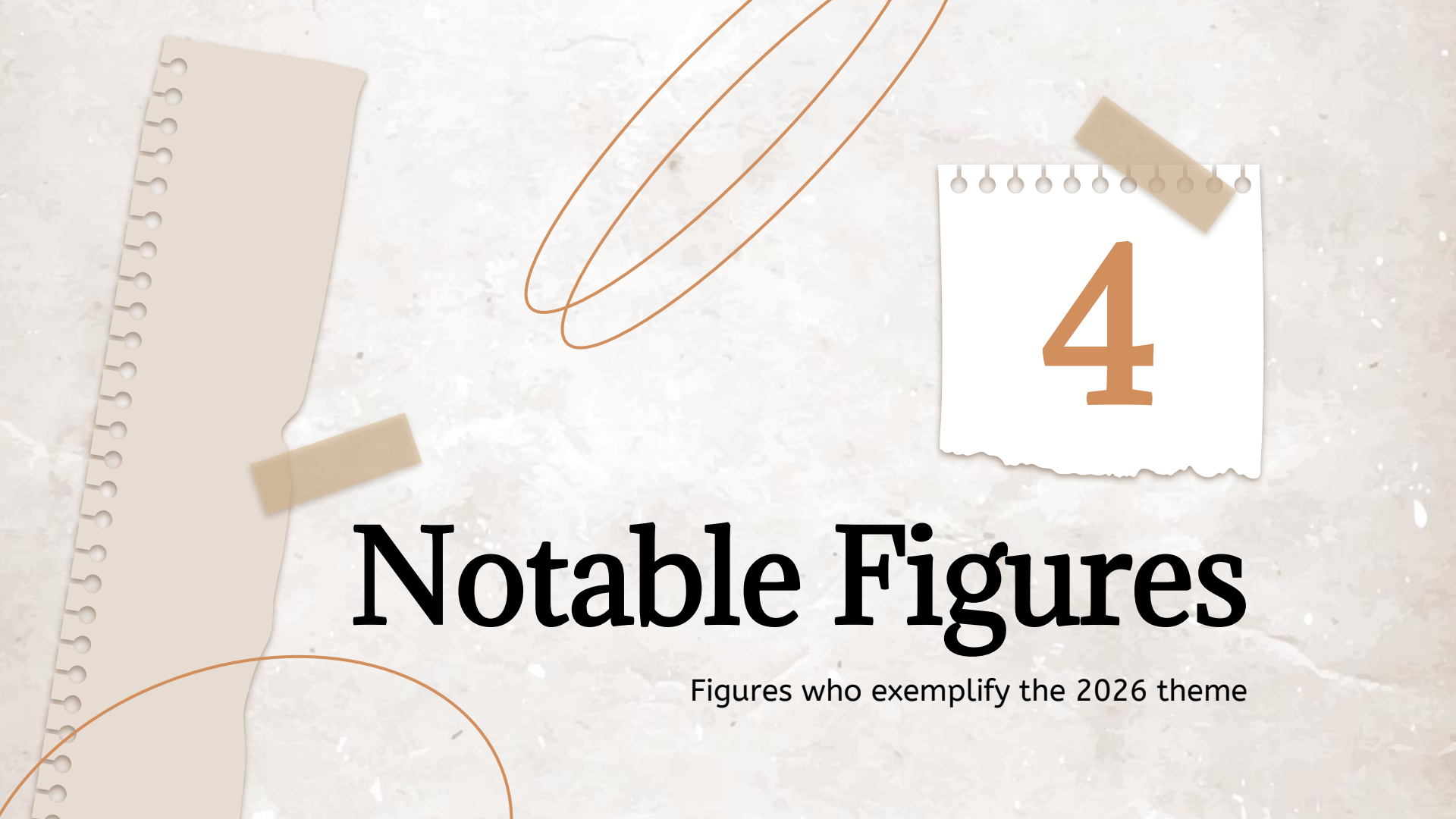
- [Filipino American History Month Educator Guide — SDCOE](#)
- [Educational Resources — FANHS](#)

Patriotic Exercises

Primary



Secondary



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Notable Figures

Figures who exemplify the 2026 theme

Larry Itliong

A Filipino American labor leader who helped lead the Delano Grape Strike of 1965, fighting for better conditions for farmworkers.



José Calugas

A Filipino American U.S. Army soldier who received the Medal of Honor for his bravery during World War II



Vicki Draves

The first Asian American to win Olympic gold medals; she won two gold medals in diving at the 1948 Olympics



Dado Banatao

A Filipino-born engineer and entrepreneur whose innovations helped shape the personal computer and graphics industries

