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Comparing Movements

The Black Power Movement and the Chicano Movement both hit their stride in the 1960s, when political activism for America's racial minorities was at its height. The two movements have a lot in common, but they also have key differences. Explore those similarities and differences in this activity.

Directions: In the table below, read through the notes on the Black Power Movement and then fill in the corresponding box for the Chicano Movement in each row.

The Black Power Movement		The Chicano Movement
Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Americans should elect their own political representatives to address their own issues.• Extreme groups like the Nation of Islam believed that black Americans needed their own state or country because other races would enviously try to destroy them.	
Racial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Americans came from Africa, where civilization began.• Extreme groups like the Nation of Islam declared that black races were superior to white ones.	

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Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Americans had developed their own unique culture, a mixture of African, Southern American, and European influences. Food, music, and literature were celebrated.• Black skin and natural hairstyles were beautiful and not inferior to traditional white styles.	
Activism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Americans had the right to defend themselves from violence, elect their own leaders, and demand civil rights from their government	