

SOCIAL STUDIES ACTIVITY

CHICANO ARTWORK

During the Civil Rights Era, Hispanic Americans were also establishing organizations to work for change and equal rights. During the course of their fight, new art forms began to develop amongst many Hispanic cultures. Latino artists were using their talents to express their concerns and share their heritage at the same time. Young Mexican Americans, also known as Chicanos, were especially involved in the new art movement. These poets, visual artists, musicians, and dancers used their craft to convey political messages. They were educating Chicano communities and instilling pride amongst their people.

The artwork portrayed a variety of style and imagery. Over time, common themes of primitive culture and ancestry emerged. The Chicano people found hope for the future by revisiting their ancient past.

Activity

Research examples of Chicano artwork from the time period. Think about the messages that people were trying to convey. Design a poster that communicates your stance on an issue. Create a symbol or an image that clearly indicates your ideas.