

¡Olé! flamenco

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Art, Dance, Family Traditions, World Cultures

Grade Level: 2nd to 6th grade

Book Brief: This book explores the history of flamenco dancing and how it continues to thrive around the world today.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, build background: Does your child like to dance or play music? What kind? Explain that flamenco has been around for more than 200 years. It's passed down through families.

While reading, look at the pictures: What do the photographs tell you about flamenco dancers and musicians? They must work hard and spend lots of time practicing!

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What are the three elements of flamenco dance?
- ◆ How can a dance or a piece of music tell a story?
- ◆ Do you have family traditions like flamenco dancing?
- ◆ What do you care about enough to spend hours a week practicing?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

TAPAS

Tapas are Spanish appetizers or finger foods. They often involve a cracker or slice of bread topped with some kind of meat, cheese or spread. Make a tapas tray to share with your child! Create several different tapas using your child's favorite foods. Traditional Spanish ingredients include: salty ham, olives, garlic, anchovies and salty cheese.

OUT AND ABOUT

If you can't watch a flamenco performance in person, check out the videos on www.flamenco-world.com. (Site available in English and Spanish.) Try to spot the differences between the different styles of flamenco.

CARDBOARD CASTANETS

Materials: cereal box cardboard, scissors, 2 large buttons, tacky glue, markers

1. Cut cardboard into strips 6 in. long and 2 in. wide.
2. Decorate one side with markers. Glue buttons on each end of the strips on the blank side.
3. Fold the strips in the middle; buttons will make a clicking sound when they touch.

To use, hold one "castanet" in each hand. Turn on some flamenco music and click away!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Piñata Maker (1994), *My Neighborhood* (2005), *Powwow* (1993), *Pablo Remembers* (1993), *Come and Eat!* (2011).



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