

## Process Paper

The Chicano Reform is particularly important in understanding the systematic structure of racism in our country. We searched for a topic that we were all interested in such as human, educational and civil rights. In 1936 the civil rights movements gained national attention. This attention sparked the Chicano culture to advocate for themselves as well as their educational rights. While viewing this topic we all discovered how much they went through prior to the movement. This sparked our interest because this forever changed the meaning of education for everyone. It was fascinating for us to see the ways equality changed the learning and students within the schools. As we selected our topic we chose to focus on the reform in New Mexico because we have a high population of people of Chicano descent. With this topic being close to home we felt a personal connection. This connection motivated us to learn and research the ways education could be without the systematic structure of racism and equality.

As we started to research the Chicano movement, our sources were mainly electronic. The websites that helped set the foundation of our research were websites created by newspapers. For example, The LA Times website helped us to understand The Brown Berets organization and how they impacted the Chicano Movement. Another website that helped us to broaden our research here in New Mexico was the Albuquerque Journal. This website helped us to understand the impact of the murals and the expansions of higher education. We attempted to make contact with professors from the University of New Mexico who work within the Chicano Studies department, but they were not available. We were able to interview a woman who was in school during the peak of the Chicano Movement. She helped us to understand the environment within schools during that time. We decided to put all our information into a website.

We chose to do a website to challenge ourselves to build a website from scratch. Not only that but we wanted to take advantage of the way technology is offered for our group. We used a website to convey this part of history in a visually appealing format. We created our project by dividing the research and pages on the website then coming together, teaching each other the information. This group worked because we communicated well which made this project easier and an amazing way to emanate a huge part of history.

We all are passionate about our topic because of its impact in nearby communities. . Chicanos were treated poorly within schools. They were given terrible learning conditions such as uneducated teachers and used learning resources. In this topic different Chicano Communities endured a lot of fighting for educational equality. During the movement outbreak, different protests were happening. New Mexico held a large role because of the racial population leading to the creation of organizations and opportunities. The Chicano Reform broke the inequality barriers for Chicanos which forever impacted the classroom.