LATIN AMERICA SPECIAL ISSUE



TEACHER SUPPORT MATERIALS

Celebrate young New Zealanders' connections to Latin America and use these ideas to explore the languages and cultures of this exciting region with your class.



READ

Choose a text in Toitoi to share with your class or ask your students to read it independently using their own journal.



LEARN

Use the questions as a starting point for class discussion or independent research.



CREATE

Guide your students to write their own response to the text.



ILLUSTRATE

Work with the text to inspire your students to create an artwork of their own.



SHARE

Encourage your students to submit their work for publication and begin a conversation with other young New Zealanders through the arts.

READ	LEARN	CREATE	ILLUSTRATE		
People and customs	Research five customs that are important to the people of your country. Describe them and explain why they are important. How did they originate? How are they passed on to future generations?	Write a fictional story that features one of the customs you studied. Use your research to add detail to the setting and characters in your story.	Design and make an artwork that celebrates your custom. Use materials and colours that are special to that culture.		
History	Research the history of your country. Find out about significant events or milestones. What happened? Who were the people involved? What were the consequences?	Write a story about an important moment in your country's history. Imagine you are the central character. Write about what happened and how you felt.	Dress up as the main character in your story and take a black and white photo to illustrate a key moment in your narrative.		
Language	Learn five words or greetings from a language spoken in your country. Practise them and share them with your class.	Collaborate with a friend to write a play or dialogue set in your country. Use the new words you have learned.	Create a comic strip inspired by your play or dialogue. Lay out each scene carefully to help your reader follow the story.		
Art and literature	Research an important writer or artist from your country. Review their biography and consider how their work was influenced by their surroundings. How would you describe their style?	Compose a poem in honour of your writer or artist. Describe their life and why their work is special.	Create a portrait of your writer or artist to go with your poem. Can you think of a way to reference the style of your writer or artist in the portrait?		
Choose a country in Latin America to study					

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Clothing and textiles	What fabrics, clothing or textiles are associated with your country? Take a poll of your friends and see what they think. Are you right or have you missed something?	Choose a traditional item of clothing from your country. Write a description of how it is made.	Work with a friend to design and make a piece of traditional clothing or jewellery that is special in your country. Make a list of the materials you will need and plan your process.		
Flora and fauna	What animals or flowers are symbolic in the culture of your country? What makes them special? How are they represented in everyday life?	Choose an animal or flower from your research. Write a poem about it using descriptive language features like metaphor and simile.	Imagine you are a wildlife photographer. Draw a picture of your animal or flower in its natural habitat and place a photo frame around it.		
Food	What are some of the most beloved dishes from your country? How are they made? What do they taste like? Can anyone in the class describe eating them?	Write a story about sharing a special meal in your country. It can be real or imagined. Include the recipe if you can!	Create a collage to go with your story, paying particular attention to texture and colour.		
Travel	Which country in Latin America would you like to visit? Why? How would you get there? How much would it cost? What is the first thing you would do when you arrive?	Make a brochure advertising your destination and all of the amazing things you can do there. Include important travel information like what to bring, local restaurants, currency, and key phrases for getting around.	Illustrate your brochure with key landmarks and exciting attractions. You might like to include a map!		
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Family	Investigate your family history. Collect stories from family members about where you came from. Reflect on what you have learned about your family background.	Write your family story. Include personal details and memories from your research.	Create your family tree. Include drawings of each of your relatives.
Migration	Do you know someone who has moved to New Zealand? Interview them about what their life was like before they moved. How did things change for them after they arrived? How would you feel if it were you?	Write a welcome card for someone new to New Zealand. Introduce yourself and ask them some questions. What do you want to know? What do you want them to know about you?	Illustrate your card with images from the person's old home and their new home. Add a friendly greeting in their language! Give them the card the next time you see them.

ADAPTING AN IDEA - EXAMPLE - MIGRATION

Understanding key concepts

Ask someone who has recently arrived in New Zealand to speak to your class. Take turns asking questions about their experience. List ways that the class can make someone new feel welcome. Make a welcome sign for the door to your classroom and add greetings in multiple languages!



Extending learning

Include your interview in a video or powerpoint about what it is like to move to New Zealand. Use images that illustrate how the person's life has changed. Share your work with your community. Add your thoughts about how we can make newcomers feel welcome in their new country.

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Explore the journal with these ideas for the classroom

TITLE	TRANSLATION	LANGUAGE	PAGE
Birdscape	Paisaje de pájaros	Spanish	Cover
Back from the Dead	De regreso de la Muerte	Spanish	IFC
Flower Festival, Colombia	Feria de las Flores, Colombia	Spanish	3
A Day's Work in the Andes	Un día de trabajo en los Andes	Spanish	4
Humboldt Penguin	Pingüino de Humboldt	Spanish	10
Brazil	Brasil	Brazilian Portuguese	14
Leaving Colombia	Al salir de Colombia	Spanish	18
Iguazu Falls	Cataratas do Iguaçu	Brazilian Portuguese	22
Corn Cob Piñata	Piñata de mazorca	Spanish	26
Building an Alpaca	Construyendo una alpaca	Spanish	30
Rio Carnival	O carnaval do Rio	Brazilian Portuguese	34
Worlds Apart	Mundos distintos	Spanish	38
The Mexican Wolf	El lobo mexicano	Spanish	42
Memories	Recuerdos	Spanish	46
Marching Monarchs	La marcha de las monarcas	Spanish	58
Fill Your Belly!	¡Llénate la barriga!	Spanish	62
I Try Saying 'Chilaquiles'	Trato de decir 'chilaquiles'	Spanish	66
Cinco de Mayo Magic	La magia del Cinco de mayo	Spanish	70
Angel Falls, Venezuela	Salto Ángel, Venezuela	Spanish	76
The Chilena	La chilena	Spanish	78
The Llama and the Tortoise	La llama y la tortuga	Spanish	82
The Latin Touch	El toque latino	Spanish	86
Burning Fire	Fuego ardiente	Spanish	90
My Goat and Me	Mi cabra y yo	Spanish	91
Valparaíso, Chile	Valparaíso, Chile	Spanish	92
Jaguar	Jaguar	Spanish	96
This Is Me	Así soy yo	Spanish	100
Curiosity	La curiosidad	Spanish	104
Nature Is Art	La naturaleza es arte	Spanish	106
Mastretta MXT	Mastretta MXT	Spanish	110
Pineapple Panic	Pânico do abacaxi	Brazilian Portuguese	112
Copacabana Beach	A Praia de Copacabana	Brazilian Portuguese	116
A Trip to Ancient Mexico	Un viaje al México antiguo	Spanish	120
Humming Llama	Llama tarareante	Spanish	124
Cuca visita Rūaumoko	Cuca Visits Rūaumoko	Brazilian Portuguese	128
Tacos	Tacos	Spanish	136
Yemanjá Festival	Festival de Yemanjá	Brazilian Portuguese	140

Mix and match the ideas for your class

READ	LEARN	CREATE	ILLUSTRATE		
INSIDE FRONT COVER Back from the Dead Pictures by Priyanshi Patel, age 11	Priyanshi's picture is inspired by Dia de los Muertos. What is this? What does it mean in English? Who celebrates it, why and how?	Compose a short speech about Dia de los Muertos. Include as many Spanish words as you can. Practise the correct pronunciation of these words before you deliver the speech to your class.	Inspired by Priyanshi's picture and your own research, create a colourful Dia de los Muertos mask for yourself or a friend.		
PAGE 3 Flower Festival. Colombia Pictures by Nikita Billington, age 14	Research the Flower Festival in Colombia that inspired Nikita's picture. What is its name in Spanish? Why is it held? Find images of the festival and share them with your class.	Write a poem describing the flower festival. Incorporate Spanish words and phrases if you can.	Make a bouquet of flowers using craft materials and display it alongside your poem.		
PAGE 4 A Day's Work in the Andes Words and pictures by Tasmyn Kibblewhite, age 14	Tasmyn's terrific story is written from the point of view of a bus driver in the Andes. What are the Andes? Where can they be found? Why do you think travelling there could be dangerous?	Re-write this story from the point of view of one of the passengers. Use powerful verbs and adjectives to describe the adventure, like Tasmyn.	Draw pictures of what the passenger might see when they look out of the bus window.		
PAGE 10 Humboldt Penguin Words by Phoebe James, age 10 Pictures by Lucia Olney-Boyd, age 14	Watch a short video about Humboldt penguins. Where do they live? What do they eat? Who are their predators? What is special about them?	Write a story about a Humboldt penguin who accidentally wanders into a town. Incorporate your research into the story.	Create an artwork of a Humboldt penguin to go wtih your story, inspired by the colours and patterns of South America, like Lucia.		
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PAGE 14 Brazil Words by Ben Spies, age 13 Pictures by Cleo Exell, age 12	Ben has described everything he loves about Rio de Janeiro. Read his story with a friend and make a list of Ben's favourite things to do and see. Rank them according to Ben's preference.	Create a brochure that celebrates your favourite city or town in Latin America or New Zealand. Describe your top five recommendations and rank them for your readers.	Illustrate your brochure with drawings and photographs to encourage people to visit.
PAGE 18 Leaving Colombia Words by Honor Forbes, age 11 Pictures by Alena Zhu, age 13	Read Honor's poem with a friend. What is it about? How does it make you feel?	Imagine you have to leave your homeland. Using cardboard, make a small suitcase with a handle. Choose a few special things to put into your suitcase that remind you of home.	Decorate your suitcase with hand-drawn stickers and slogans to remind you of home.
PAGE 22 Iguazu Falls Words by Issy Hourigan, age 9 Pictures by Piper Bamford, age 11	The Iguazu Falls are world-famous. Do you know of any other famous waterfalls in Latin America? Conduct some research, record their statistics and compare them with the Iguazu Falls.	Write a short description of each waterfall based on your research and use great adjectives, like Issy. Make a small panel of facts to go with your descriptive writing.	Draw each waterfall to scale. Glue them on a poster and add your facts and descriptions. Give your poster a great title and display it in your classroom.
PAGE 26 Corn Cob Piñata Words by Tom Nalder, age 10 Pictures by Mia Harding-Trail, age 12	Tom has written about a fun tradition in Mexico. What is a piñata? What is its history? How did it originate? Have you ever seen one? Tell a friend.	Ask everyone in your class to write wishes, hopes and words of encouragement on pieces of brightly-coloured paper. Write the messages in Spanish and English if you can.	Using papier mâché, make an awesome piñata with your class. Fill it with the pieces of paper. Hang it in your playground and take turns hitting it with a stick until the wishes fall out. Share them around!
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LEARN CREATE ILLUSTRATE READ
Stella has written an incredible story about her parents' travels before she was born. Are there special stories in your family? Share them with a friend. Interview a family member about the adventures they had before you were born. Create a timeline showing some of the places they visited and when they went there. Using string and pins, show your family's adventures on a map. Using a different coloured string, mark the journeys that you dream of making when you are older. PAGE 70 Cinco de May Magic Words by Brianna Garrety, age 12 Pictures by Isabella Loghides, age 13
Isaac has captured the wonder of the monarch migration of using awesome metaphors and to warmer areas in winter. Read his poem with your class and identify the metaphors and similes he uses. Write a poem about monarch butterflies of different sizes using cardboard and crayon. Colour them on both sides. Using invisible thread, hang them from your classroom ceiling at different heights to give a sense of mass flight. Make butterflies of different sizes using cardboard and crayon. Colour them on both sides. Using invisible thread, hang them from your classroom ceiling at different heights to give a sense of mass flight.
Rafael has written an enthusiastic dishes from Rafael's story and write a food in Mexico. Which dish sounds the most mouth-watering? Discuss it with a friend. Choose one of the dishes from Rafael's your dish to go with your recipe. Make the dish at home if you can! Draw a picture of your dish to go with your recipe. Make the dish at home if you can! The Chilena Words by Baltazar Marin, age 7 Pictures by Jeronin Allende Zarazaga, age 8
What are 'chilaquiles'? Look up all the fruit and vegetables named in Masha's poem and learn their meanings and correct pronunciations. Practise saying them Write a skit about an exchange between make some simple costumes from materials found in your classroom. Perform your skit! Find some props and make some simple costumes from in your classroom. Perform your skit! Find some props and make some simple costumes from the Tortoise In your classroom. Perform your skit! Find some props and make some simple costumes from the Tortoise Perform your skit!

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Mastretta MXT Words by William Hughes, age 8 Pictures by Aidan Kerr, age 10	William thinks the Mastretta MXT is the most awesome car ever. Do you agree? Where is it made? Make a list of its attributes.	Write a short persuasive speech promoting the Mastretta MXT or another car you love.	Design a new model of the Mastretta. What special features would you add?	
PAGE 112 Pineapple Panic Words by Radha Gamble, age 9 Pictures by Madeleine Smith, age 12	Read the beginning of Radha's story. Who is telling the story? What clues can you find in the text? Now, finish reading the story. Were you right?	Imagine that you are an animal in Brazil. Write a story about a human encounter. Don't tell your reader who you are until the very end, like Radha.	Inspired by Madeleine's beautiful pictures, create a watercolour painting to go with your story from your animal's point of view.	
PAGE 116 Copacabana Beach Words by Eileen Coupe, age 8 Pictures by Cleo Exell, age 12	Eileen has used a pattern in her poem about Brazil's most famous beach. What is it? Do you like it? Why?	Use a similar pattern to create a simple poem describing another famous place in Latin America.	Create a short flipbook of your famous place. You will need to draw the same picture with one detail changed on each page. Flip through your book to watch your animation!	
PAGE 120 A Trip to Ancient Mexico Words and pictures by Daria Morales, age 8	Daria has written about ancient Mexico and their amazing mathematicians. Research the Maya number system and describe it to a classmate.	Write a set of instructions telling your readers how to work out the Maya number system. Be sure to use clear, simple language.	Create a grid on a sheet of paper. Glue on different-shaped objects to represent each number value. Encourage your classmates to read your instructions, then have a go at Maya mathematics!	

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PAGE 124 Humming Llama Words by Leo Yang, age 10 Pictures by Logan Simich-Burr, age 14	What is the difference between a llama and an alpaca? Compare and contrast Leo's story with Max's story on page 30. Are there other animals in the same family? What are they called? What are their characteristics?	Write a 'llama drama' — a script featuring two or more llamas. Give your llama characters names and dialogue and consider incorporating a few Spanish words into your script.	Create llama hand puppets out of old socks, wool, buttons, etc. Create a small stage and paint scenic backdrops. Perform your llama drama for the class.		
PAGE 128 Cuca visita Rūaumoko Palavras por Jorge Miguel Resende Albuquerque, idade 13 Imagens por Josh King, idade 14	Jorge's story is inspired by Māori and Portuguese mythology. What is a myth? Why is telling stories about our past, our heritage and our culture important? Why are there sometimes different versions of the same story?	Research some other stories in Latin American mythology. Write a short narrative describing your favourite myth and reflecting on its significance.	Myths have been interpreted by artists in very different ways throughout history. How would you illustrate your myth? Consider using drawing software, like Josh.		
PAGE 136 Tacos Words by Thomas Sturmer, age 9 Pictures by Jeppe Weisbach, age 10	Thomas has written a mouth-watering description of a taco. Have you ever eaten a taco? Describe it to a friend.	Come up with an idea for a Kiwi version of a taco. Choose fillings that are unexpected — try to create a flavour combination that has never been tasted before! Now write down the recipe.	Create your taco. Photograph each step and use the photos to illustrate your recipe. Did it taste as good as you hoped?		
PAGE 140 Yemanjá Festival Words by Trelise McEwan, age 11 Pictures by Scarlet Connor, age 12	Who is Yemanjá, Goddess of the Sea? What country is she from? Watch a news report of the festival and take notes on what you see.	Imagine you attended the Yemanjá Festival. Write a story about your experience.	Scarlet has a wonderful, vibrant style and her artwork was also chosen for the covers of these journals. Illustrate your story using lots of pattern and colour, like Scarlet.		
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Toitoi was delighted to work with the School of Languages and Cultures, te Kura o ngā Reo me ngā Tikanga-ā-iwi, at Victoria University of Wellington, to create our very first multilingual journals.

Academics and language learning specialists coordinated a team of experts who translated all of the written pieces into languages of the region, creating a unique multilingual publication.

The mission of the School of Languages and Cultures is to foster the study of languages and cultures as a lifelong and life-enhancing activity that connects individuals and communities and creates international opportunities, through excellent research, teaching and engagement.

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Choose a text to explore with your students and use the questions below as a starting point for a conversation about the languages and cultures of Latin America.

Examine the story or poem in both languages:

What language has the text been translated into?

Where is the language spoken and how many people speak it?

What else do you know about this language?

Can you identify any words or expressions in the text?

Can you pronounce any words or sentences?

Consider what it means to read a text in translation:

What does a translator do?

What challenges does a translator face?

Why is translation important?

Is it important for readers to know if a text has been translated? Why?

Reflect on why learning languages matters:

How many languages are spoken in your family, class and school?

What are the benefits of learning multiple languages?

What are the challenges of learning a new language?

What do you need to start learning a new language?

Find someone in your community with a personal connection to Latin America. Invite them to share their language and culture with your class!



The National Library of New Zealand's Services to Schools (S2S) provides educators with professional learning, advice, and resources to support students and foster a love of reading.

Topic Explorer helps you find quality resources on topics to support and inspire inquiry. A set of resources has been curated around culture, history and art from Latin America and can be used to encourage creative work based on this region.

Schools can also access quality fiction and non-fiction books through our free national lending service.

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On the website, you can discover your own level of global competence and teaching practices to support your students, get access to curated teaching and learning resources, and find out how other teachers are bringing the Asia-Pacific into their classrooms.

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The goal of this project is to celebrate young New Zealanders' connections to Latin America and to explore languages and cultures through creativity.

Encourage your young writers and artists to respond to the *Toitoi: Latin America Special Issue* and submit their own work for publication.

Digital stories and a companion app for the Toitoi: Latin America Special Issue are coming soon!