



American Latino Heritage



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Garcia was a refugee of the Mexican Revolution who grew up to become a doctor and civil rights activist. He fought in World War II and returned with six battle stars, to a land of unequal opportunity. Mexican Americans were still second class citizens who faced public school segregation, overwhelmingly poor living conditions and discrimination. Dr. Garcia attacked the problem by using the legal system and nonviolent protests; he worked tirelessly to obtain equal rights for his people.