



American Latino Heritage



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Born in Havana to a Cuban father and English mother, José was a journalist, diplomat, lawyer, poet, translator, and revolutionary. He escaped to the U.S. after being condemned to death by the Spanish for his revolutionary writings. During the Civil War he sided with the cash-strapped Confederacy, who he helped by opening a vital line of trade through the smuggling of cotton to Europe via Mexico.