Topic: Hispanic Americans

- According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, there was about 27 million. Hispanics are now about ten percent of the American population. Soon after the year 2000 Latinos will overtake African Americans as the largest American minority group.

- The labels "Hispanic" or "Latino" cover a wide number of very different peoples. Most have some ancestors from Spain, but the intermingling of African Americans, Native Americans, Asians, and Spanish immigrants is very complex, and each area of the New World had different patterns of cultural mixtures. Upon their arrival in the Western Hemisphere the Spaniards mixed with conquered Native American nations.

- The Spaniards were the first Europeans to arrive in the New World (as they called it), the first to land on these shores, and the first to settle here.

- Spanish rule over what is now the United States included up to 80 percent of what is now the nation.
Assessment:

The strength of Ed, Jay A. Sigler’s resource is that it provides important details about the role Mexicans in an American society. He explains how Hispanics slowly coasted their way into the United States and how it now effects them. Hispanics cover a very wide range of people from Europeans to Spaniards to Mexicans. The new world is made up of different culture mixtures. The Spanish rule over what is now the U.S. and are 80% of the population.