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This is a salsa dance I learned at my dance studio a few years ago. I chose this dance, because I feel that it really celebrates Latino culture and represents what I learned. The song is called “Mi Tierra” by Gloria Estefan, meaning ‘my homeland.’ In the past few weeks, I have learned so much about Latino history in the US as well as culture. I learned about all their contributions to the early development of Texas, California, New Mexico, and Arizona. I never was aware of how much of an impact they had on the southwest region of America. Even though the Latinos were discriminated against, treated unfairly in their own homeland, and neglected, they still were determined to keep their culture alive and fight for equal rights. The “Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace the Future” project plays a fundamental role in getting kids to be proud of who they are or where they come from (specifically Latino kids).