

Name:

Day One

Latinos and the War

Part 1: Silent read

➔ How did Latinos feel about the Iraq War? Read silently.

Surveys showed that many Latinos opposed the Iraq War. In 2007, two-thirds of Latinos said U.S. troops should return home as soon as possible. Only one-quarter of Latinos agreed that the war in Iraq was a good idea. Many said that the cost of the war was just too great.

Where did these anti-war feelings come from? Reports showed that Latinos were killed in Iraq in larger numbers than soldiers from other ethnic groups. Latinos were more likely to volunteer once war began. The military offered respect and appealed to their desire to serve their country. For some, the military offered a faster way to obtain citizenship.

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At José's funeral, his friends were subdued. José's uncle spoke for many when he told the *Orange County Register*, "It's not worth it. There has to be a better way to resolve this." Despite the family's concerns, José's cousin planned to enlist. José's girlfriend had already joined the Marines.

Source: "Marine is Orange County's first to die in Iraq," *Orange County Register*, March 25, 2003.



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Part 2: First timed read

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224
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240

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why were many Latinos against the Iraq War?

Who was the first Marine killed in Iraq?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.