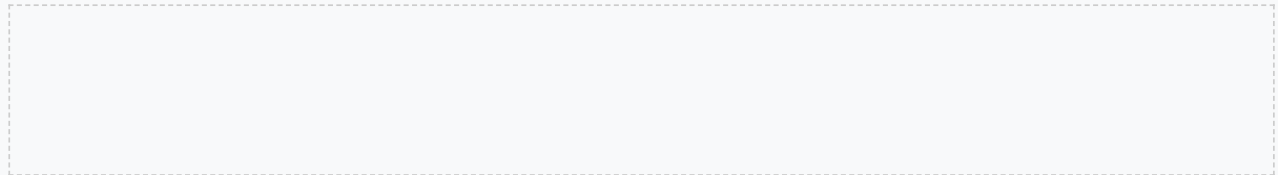




## Introduction to Spanish Culture

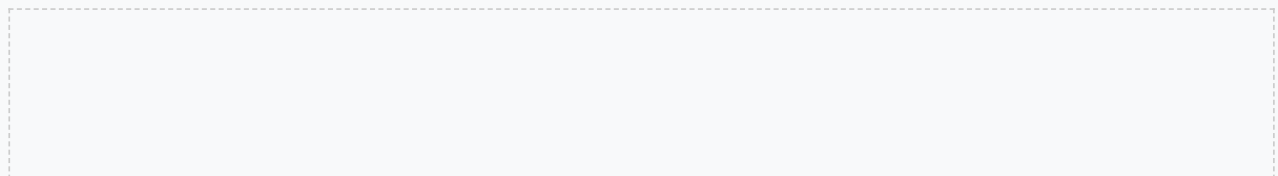
*Spanish culture is known for its rich and diverse heritage, with a strong emphasis on music, dance, and celebration. In this welcome pack, we will explore the traditional music and dance of Spain, and learn about the different festivals and celebrations that take place throughout the year.*



## Traditional Spanish Music

*Traditional Spanish music is characterized by its passionate and expressive nature, with a focus on guitar, flamenco, and classical music. Some popular types of traditional Spanish music include:*

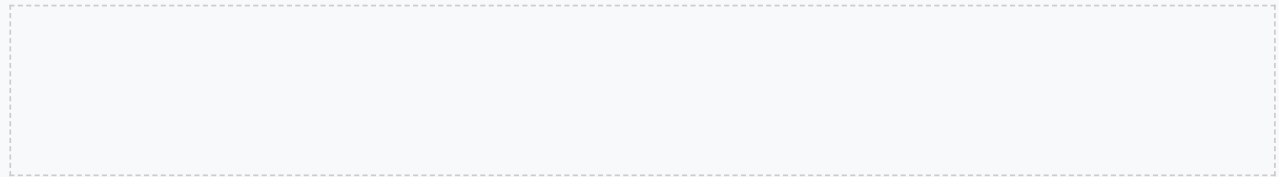
- Flamenco: a style of music and dance that originated in the Andalusia region of Spain
- Salsa: a style of music and dance that originated in Cuba and Puerto Rico, but is also popular in Spain
- Rumba: a style of music and dance that originated in Spain and is characterized by its slow and sensual movements



## Traditional Spanish Dance

*Traditional Spanish dance is known for its energetic and passionate movements, with a focus on flamenco, salsa, and classical dance. Some popular types of traditional Spanish dance include:*

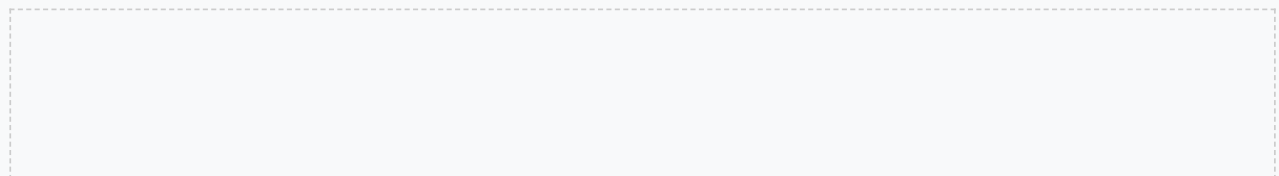
- Flamenco: a style of dance that originated in the Andalusia region of Spain and is characterized by its passionate and expressive movements
- Salsa: a style of dance that originated in Cuba and Puerto Rico, but is also popular in Spain
- Sevillanas: a style of dance that originated in the Seville region of Spain and is characterized by its lively and energetic movements



## Spanish Festivals and Celebrations

*Spain is known for its vibrant festivals and celebrations, which take place throughout the year. Some popular festivals and celebrations include:*

- La Tomatina: a festival that takes place in the town of Buñol, where participants throw tomatoes at each other
- Semana Santa: a week-long celebration that takes place in the city of Seville, where participants carry elaborate floats and costumes through the streets
- Feria de Abril: a festival that takes place in the city of Seville, where participants dance and celebrate in the streets



## Activity 1: Traditional Spanish Music Listening Exercise

*Listen to the following traditional Spanish music styles and answer the questions below:*

- Flamenco
- Salsa
- Rumba

1. What is the main instrument used in flamenco music?

2. What is the origin of salsa music?

3. What is the characteristic of rumba music?

## Activity 2: Spanish Dance Workshop

*Participate in a traditional Spanish dance workshop and answer the questions below:*

- Learn the basic steps of flamenco dance
- Learn the basic steps of salsa dance
- Learn the basic steps of sevillanas dance

1. What is the main difference between flamenco and salsa dance?

2. What is the characteristic of sevillanas dance?

3. How do you feel when you dance to traditional Spanish music?



### Activity 3: Spanish Culture Research

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*Research and present on a specific aspect of Spanish culture, such as:*

- The history of flamenco music and dance
- The significance of La Tomatina festival
- The cultural context of Semana Santa celebration

1. What is the history of flamenco music and dance?

2. What is the significance of La Tomatina festival?

3. What is the cultural context of Semana Santa celebration?

### Conclusion

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*In this welcome pack, we have explored the traditional music and dance of Spain, and learned about the different festivals and celebrations that take place throughout the year. We have also participated in activities and answered questions to test our knowledge and understanding of Spanish culture.*

## Assessment

*Complete the activities and questions in this welcome pack, participate in a traditional Spanish dance workshop, and research and present on a specific aspect of Spanish culture.*

## Extension

*Learn to play a traditional Spanish instrument, such as the guitar or castanets, attend a traditional Spanish festival or celebration, or cook a traditional Spanish meal, such as paella or tapas.*

