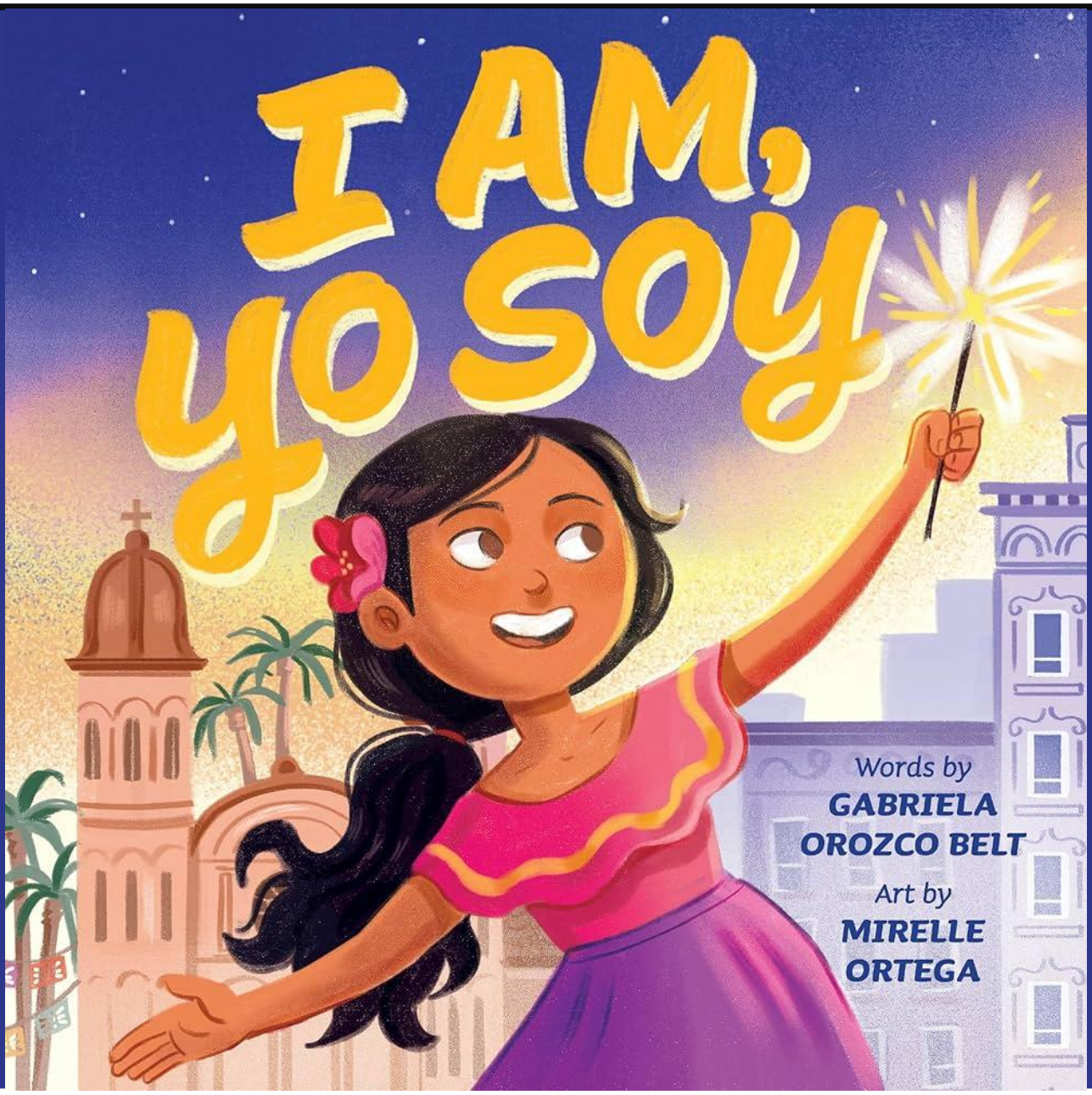

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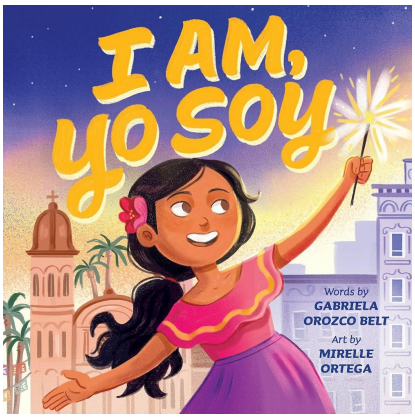

I WONDER...

Copy the I WONDER page on white copy paper. Show students the book cover and take a picture walk through the illustrations. Encourage students to write or draw a prediction they have before reading. Revisit after reading and ask students to reflect on their predictions and whether they were correct.

HERITAGE FLAG

Copy the HERITAGE FLAG page on white copy paper. Students will fill in the blanks and write about their own heritage. At the bottom of the flag, they'll draw and color favorite parts of their heritage and cut the flag apart to share with their classmates.

WALK IN MY SHOES

Copy the WALK IN MY SHOES page on white copy paper or white card stock for added durability. Students will cut around the outline of the shoe. Then, draw parts of their heritage and culture inside that make them unique and different. Encourage students to share their shoes with each other. You can display the shoes around the room for classmates to view and "walk" in their shoes.

YOU WILL NEED:

- White copy paper
- White cardstock
- Art supplies
- Scissors
- Pencils

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HERITAGE FLAG

Fill in the blanks, draw and decorate a picture of your heritage, and hang it somewhere special.

MY HERITAGE

Holidays we celebrate:

_____

Foods we eat:

_____

Languages we speak:

_____

Draw what you love most about your heritage in the space below...

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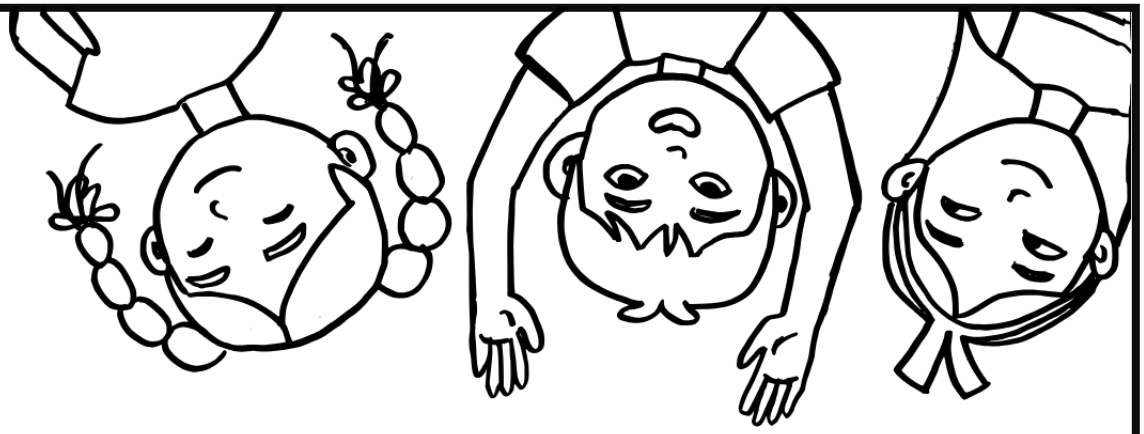

Color the shoe to show your heritage and culture. Cut the shoe apart and share.

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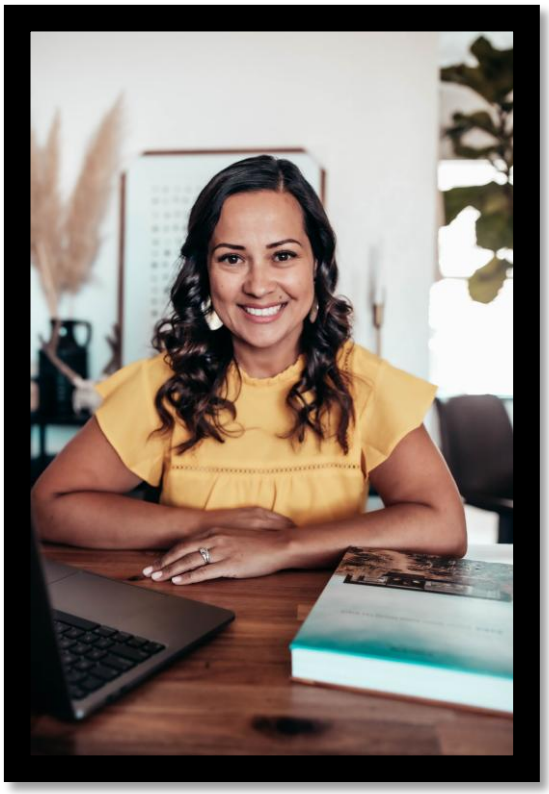

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