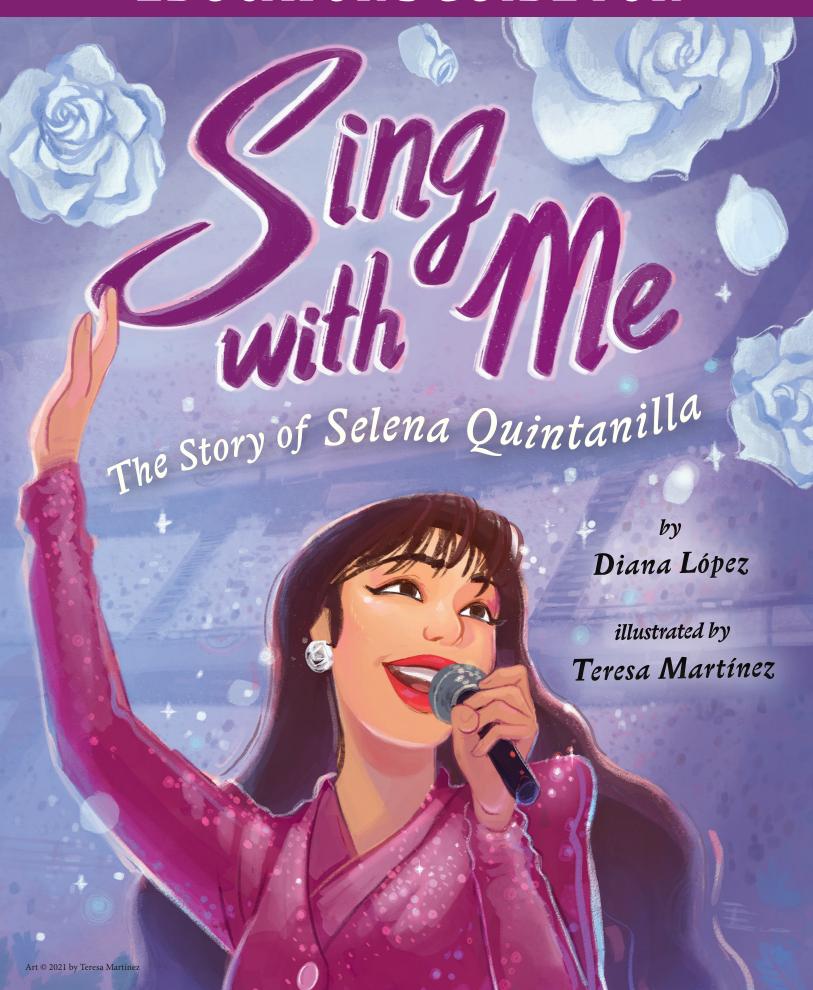
EDUCATOR'S GUIDE FOR





- 1. Selena is always with her family. They love to make music together. What activities does your family like to do together?
- 2. When Selena moves to a new city, she is both excited and nervous. Talk about a time you had to go to a new place. It could be a new city, a new school, or any place that is different. Were you excited? Nervous? Or a little bit of both? Explain.
- 3. Selena's family calls their bus Big Bertha. Pretend you had a bus. What would you call it?
- 4. At first, Selena doesn't know Spanish. She has to study very hard to learn the language. Talk about a time you had to work hard to learn something new. What were you trying to learn? How did you study or practice? Who helped you?

- 5. Go through the book and find examples of Spanish in both the words and illustrations. What do the Spanish words mean? Ask a Spanish speaker or use a dictionary to find out.
- 6. Look at the first picture and the last picture. How are they the same? How are they different?
- 7. Which is your favorite illustration in the book? Why is it your favorite?
- 8. What new information about Selena did you learn from the author's note?
- 9. Go to YouTube and watch a clip from Selena's famous Astrodome concert. Describe what you see. For example, how many people are in the band and what instruments are they playing? Is this a fast or slow song? Is the audience participating by singing, clapping, or dancing?



Hands-on activities:

- 1. Several Texas cities are mentioned in the book. Write them down and then use a map to see where these cities are located. To learn about your area, use a map and find at least three other cities in your area.
- 2. Selena loves to sing, and all songs have a beat. Listen to your favorite song and use your hands to clap to the beat.
- 3. The beat is a steady pulse, but the long and short sounds over the beat is the rhythm. In a song, you can find the rhythm by listening to the length of the words. Go back to your favorite song, and this time, use your hands to clap out the rhythm.
- 4. A picture book has both words and pictures. Take a sentence from the book and illustrate it with your own drawing.

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- 6. Selena loved to design her own clothes. Make up your own clothing design. You can design or decorate a T-shirt, a hat, or a pair of socks.
- 7. A popular Tejano dance is the cumbia. Learn the basic steps of a cumbia and dance to one of Selena's songs. For an extra challenge (and fun!), make up your own dance.



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