



ANNA MARIA ARIAS

Words to know: achievement, business, caucus, congressional, connection, contribute, corporate, empowerment, enrich, establish, fellowship, Hispanic, influence, institute, Latina, legacy, magazine, modern, success, venture, well-rounded, workforce

Reread the bio of Anna Maria Arias, paying close attention to the words above. If you are having difficulty with any of the words, use your dictionary, the Internet, or ask a friend for help.

Take out your journal and write Anna Maria Arias at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. In what century did Ms. Arias live and work?
2. What did Anna Maria Arias receive from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus?
3. What did Anna Maria Arias do in 1994?
4. Why was her 1994 accomplishment so important?
5. What was Anna Maria Arias' second business venture?
6. Anna Maria Arias wanted to highlight the achievements of Hispanic Americans in the United States. And, as a result of her magazine we can learn more about the accomplishments of the Latin community – especially women. If you could write a letter of appreciation to Ms. Arias what would you say? Turn to a new page in your journal and write a letter of thanks. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific concerning why you are thankful.

Be sure to color in the state in which Ms. Arias was born on the map of the United States. On the back of the map, write Anna's full name and the name of the state in which she was born.

Stretching Your Thinking: Although Ms. Arias died an untimely death, her contributions to the Latin community continue to empower Hispanic women everywhere. What does empowerment mean? Have you ever been empowered? Do you think it is important for women to feel empowered? Why or why not? In what way(s) can you empower your friends, family and classmates?