
Personal Project Presentation

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My Goal

The goal of my Personal Project topic is to be able to communicate the story of my grandmother's life and the challenges that brought her to the biggest accomplishments. I will do this by creating a short biography with images and details of the major events in her life, such as her path towards fighting for Dual Nationality Rights.



Global Context

Orientation in Time and Space.

→ What is it?

This IB Global Context pertains to the meaning of "where" and "when." And, deals with personal histories, heritage, migration..etc.

→ How does it connect to my topic?

My topic of my grandmother's life and history ties with questioning **my** heritage and when events took place.

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**What drew my interest in conducting research
and designing a product about my
grandmother's life?**





What is Dual Nationality?

The other name for this is dual citizenship which is having citizenship of two countries concurrently.





DUAL CITIZENSHIP IN ECUADOR

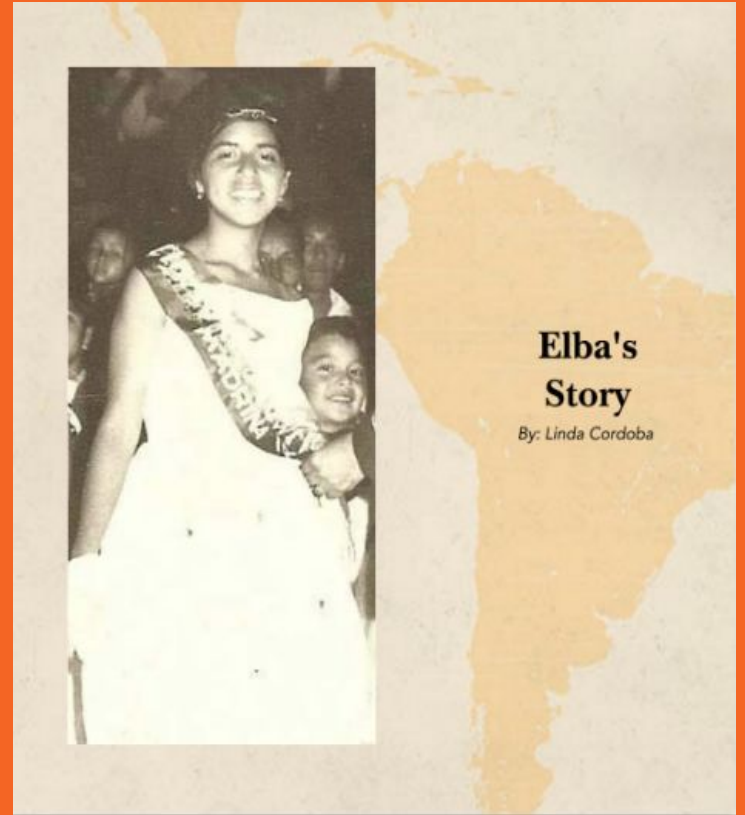
My grandmother and her colleagues had first presented the bill containing the right to apply for dual citizenship in 1993 but had been vetoed by (president at the time) Sixto Duran Ballen. Getting dual citizenship in Ecuador was not possible until January 24, 1994, when it was officially signed into law.



How to obtain a dual citizenship

- You must have lived in Ecuador as a legal resident for 3 years.
 - Have been married to an Ecuadorian for 3 years.
 - Been born to one or two Ecuadorian parents abroad or adopted by Ecuadorian citizens.
 - Once you qualify, you must present paperwork and pay a fee.
 - This process can take up to a year
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The Design



The Construction



Elba was born on November 18, 1945 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Guayaquil is a port city that has deep roots in the history of Ecuador and the liberalization of Simon Bolivar's countries.

This is my grandmother, Elba Berruz around the summer of 1973. She is at her home in Los Angeles enjoying a party with friends and family as there is most definitely loud festive music, plenty of dancing, and abundant amounts of food, like at any other hispanic party. But, to be able to enjoy this life she would had to have gone through tough challenges and disadvantages to achieve being successful in America and still change her home country for the better.



She grew up one of seven children, she was very smart and excelled at school. The way she would put it as that everyone had a role they played in the family, something to contribute. Her sisters would cook, clean, and sew clothes while her brother would help with the house and hard work, and she was lucky to just worry about school.

Ecuador had gained a reputation for powerful social movements in Latin America, especially in the 60's. Challenging the governments interest that have been forced on its people for many years. There was numerous amounts of movements in the States that had left an impression on Ecuador and its people as well. Like the Concentration of People's Forces (CFP Concentración de Fuerzas Populares), this was a populist political party in Ecuador. Founded in 1949, it played a big role in the country's politics through the 60s and 70s with its stronghold being in Guayaquil. All the while, in the States the civil right movement was at its peak. As well as the women rights movement and the students movement.



All these political and social uprisings and movements have very much filled the life of my grandmother as a young ambitious adult.



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On January 24, 1994 the bill was signed into law, we achieved Dual Nationality.

But the fight was not over yet. On September 26, 1997 Joseph Gavilanes and my grandmother started a new association called the, ERE Mundial. The ERE Mundial stood for the Ecuadorians residing all over the world, it officially affiliated with/ has members in 37 different countries. Its goal was to extend the right to vote in Ecuador to ecuadorians across the world.

In September 2003, we gained that right...Thanks to my Grandmother I can now vote for Ecuadorian policies and be an Ecuadorian citizen.

Reflection

- How did the project go?
- What did I learn from this experience? What could've been done different?
- Strengths and weaknesses though the development of the product
- Did I meet the goal?