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Comments by Olga Connor

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Hispanics and Anglo-Saxons are very different in culture, language, and sensitivity. However, Hispanics living in the U.S. have been able to create a hybrid reality that stimulates a sense of identity. From a sociohistoric perspective, the Spanglish phenomenon—the fusion of the Spanish and English languages—arose amongst the "Hispanic minority," formed by Latin American immigrants of various ethnic, national, and class origins, who resisted being completely assimilated into the dominant U.S. group. This linguistic phenomenon has sparked the curiosity and fascination of many U.S. and European scholars.

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