

"Some sports are a lot harder to break into if you're Latino. After I watched the Olympics one year, I was obsessed with fencing. I just kept watching so many YouTube videos of fencing. My older sister made fun of me for all the time I spent getting into it. I think she thought it was too close to all the fighting scenes I like in a lot of the anime I watch, which is definitely something Latinos are into but seems to surprise people. With fencing, I'm focused. I'm thinking about my posture and footwork. People say fencing is a lot like chess and I'm also thinking about how that's not something you'd really expect Latinos to be good at. But I love chess. And thinking about outsmarting my opponent. I have this fantasy of winning a big match out where nobody knows me, then having the big reveal that someone who looks like me could be so good."

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