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# The Life of • La vida de La Pola

Introduce little ones to Policarpa Salavarrieta, a notable figure in Colombian history. La Pola, as she is better known, was a seamstress who spied for the revolutionary forces seeking independence from Spain. While altering and mending clothing for royalist families, she overheard conversations and collected critical intelligence on their whereabouts and plans that she passed on to patriots and spies. She is considered a heroine of the independence of Colombia.

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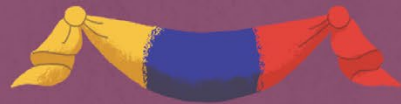
Growing up at that time, women were not allowed an education,  
but Pola's parents taught her to read and write.



En aquella época, a las mujeres no se les permitía recibir educación,  
pero los padres de Pola le enseñaron a leer y escribir.



During the Spanish Reconquista, Policarpa's family were involved in the revolutionary forces of the Viceroyalty of New Granada, now Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, and Venezuela.



Durante la Reconquista española, la familia de Policarpa participó en las fuerzas revolucionarias del Virreinato de Nueva Granada, hoy Colombia, Ecuador, Panamá y Venezuela.

