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## House on Mango Street Final Project

In The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros uses various themes to write about Esperanza's life. The chapters in the book give a glimpse into the many different aspects of Esperanza's world. Though seemingly unrelated, these chapters come together to create our image of the adolescent girl as she is confronted with various issues and challenges.

Write your own House on ----- Street, giving snapshots of your life (or your character's) and its unique challenges. Be sure to reread the Cisneros chapter on each topic before you write your own. Use similes, metaphors and graphic images in order to grab the reader's interest and convey vivid images. Each chapter should paint a picture in the reader's mind. Include the following 6 chapters. You may add additional chapters if you wish.

- "The House on \_\_\_\_\_ Street" 1 page  
Describe the house in which you (or your character) currently live.
  - Take the reader on a tour of your house. Use sensory language in your description.
  - What is your favorite room in your house? Why?
  - How long have you lived in this house?
  - What is your favorite memory from your house?
  - How does this house compare to your dream house?
- "Hairs"  $\frac{3}{4}$  page  
Use a physical characteristic such as hair or eyes to describe all of the members of your family.
  - What makes your family unique?
  - Do you look like the people in your family? You may include pets or other "extended" family members.
  - Use similes and metaphors in your description.
- "Boys and Girls" 1 page  
Describe the relationship between boys and girls. Tell a story from your life to illustrate this interaction.
  - Create a Venn Diagram with Boys and Girls
  - Brainstorm a list of metaphors: Boys are....Girls are...
  - How are their lives different?
  - What things do they share?
  - How do they interact? Focus on everyday relationships and interactions, not necessarily romantic ones.
- "My Name"  $\frac{1}{2}$  page  
Describe your name. Use similes to describe how your name sounds and how it makes you feel.
  - State the meaning and origin of your name.
  - Why did your parents choose that name?
  - If you could have any name what would it be?
- "Hips"  $\frac{3}{4}$  page  
Describe a characteristic that changed/ is changing as you come to a certain age.
  - The characteristic does not have to be physical and may include: hips, wearing makeup, clothes styles, facial hair, change in voice, etc.
  - This chapter should include a dialogue between yourself and several characters in which you talk about the significance of the characteristic/ trait.
  - Each speaker should bring a different initial perspective on the topic to the discussion, though they may come to agreement at the end.
- "Four Skinny Trees"  $\frac{3}{4}$  page  
Use figurative language to describe a person, place, activity or idea that causes you to be inspired.
  - What causes you to be inspired or to persevere?
  - What makes you "keep keeping?" (75).
  - Where do you go when you feel like no one understands you and you need to be alone?

*FOCUS ON MAKING YOUR WORK CREATIVE, VIVID, AND ORGANIZED!!*

**Personal Narrative Due :** \_\_\_\_\_