

 **PLANIT** **The House on Mango Street: Cultural Identity**
Exploration

Author Background Investigation (30 minutes)

Research and explore Sandra Cisneros' life and literary significance

Research Tasks:

1. Create a timeline of Sandra Cisneros' life and major achievements
2. Identify 3 key cultural influences in her writing
3. Find and analyze a quote that represents her writing philosophy

[Space for research notes and findings]

Character Identity Mapping (25 minutes)

Analyze Esperanza's character development and identity journey

Character Analysis Activity:

Complete the following character mapping exercise:

Character Aspect	Evidence from Text	Personal Interpretation
Cultural Identity		
Personal Aspirations		
Challenges Faced		

Symbolism Exploration (20 minutes)

Identify and analyze symbolic elements in the novel

1. The House: What does it represent beyond a physical structure?

[Space for student response]

2. Shoes: Analyze the metaphorical meaning of shoes in Esperanza's journey

3. Neighborhood: How does the setting reflect cultural experiences?

Language and Identity Workshop (35 minutes)

Explore the role of language in cultural identity

Multilingual Expression Activity:

1. Collect examples of code-switching in the novel
2. Discuss how language reflects cultural experience
3. Create a short narrative demonstrating linguistic diversity

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Social Context Analysis (25 minutes)

Examine the broader social landscape in the novel

Critical Thinking Questions:

1. How do economic challenges impact Esperanza's community?

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2. Discuss the gender expectations portrayed in the novel

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3. Compare the immigrant experience to contemporary migration narratives

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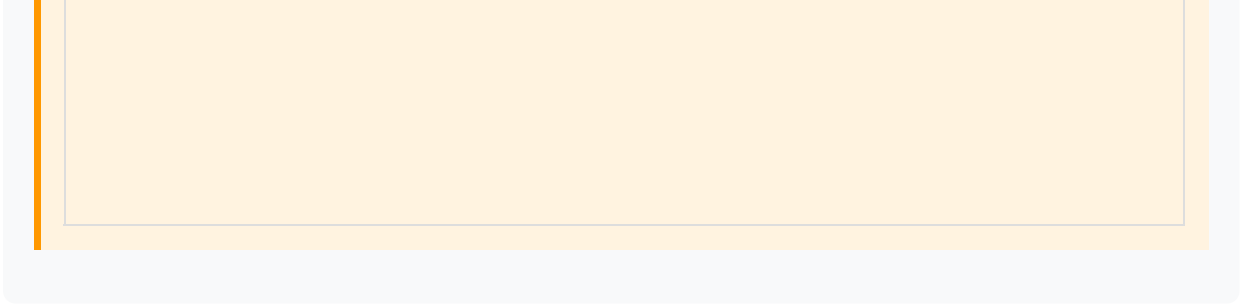
Creative Response Project (30 minutes)

Choose ONE creative response to demonstrate understanding

Creative Options:

1. Create a visual map of Esperanza's identity journey
2. Write a continuation of Esperanza's story
3. Design a multimedia presentation about cultural resilience

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PLANIT The House on Mango Street: Advanced Literary Analysis

Narrative Structure Analysis (40 minutes)

Examine the unique narrative techniques in the novel

Narrative Exploration Tasks:

1. Identify the vignette structure and its significance

2. Analyze how short chapters contribute to storytelling

3. Compare Cisneros' narrative style to traditional novel formats

Comparative Literary Themes (30 minutes)

*Connect *The House on Mango Street* to broader literary themes*

Comparative Analysis:

Theme	Evidence from Text	Comparative Literature
Coming of Age		
Cultural Identity		

Feminist Perspectives (25 minutes)

Analyze gender dynamics and female empowerment in the novel

Feminist Reading Activity:

1. Identify female characters' struggles and strengths

2. Discuss how Esperanza challenges traditional gender roles

3. Explore the concept of female solidarity in the text



Personal Connection Reflection (35 minutes)

Connect the novel's themes to personal experiences and broader social contexts

Reflective Writing Prompts:

1. How does Esperanza's journey resonate with your own experiences of identity?

2. Describe a moment of personal transformation in your life

3. What lessons about cultural resilience did you learn from the novel?

Final Assessment Project (45 minutes)

Demonstrate comprehensive understanding through a multi-dimensional project

Project Options (Choose ONE):

1. Create a multimedia presentation exploring the novel's key themes

Project Planning Space

2. Write a critical essay analyzing Cisneros' narrative techniques

Essay Outline

3. Design a visual art piece representing Esperanza's journey

Artistic Concept

Learning Outcomes Checklist

Reflect on your learning journey through the novel

By completing this unit, I can now:

- Analyze complex themes of cultural identity
- Understand narrative techniques in contemporary literature
- Critically examine social and cultural contexts
- Connect literary themes to personal experiences
- Appreciate linguistic and cultural diversity

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