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*The House on Mango Street*

Section 4 Study Guide Questions

# “The Family of Little Feet”

1. How are Grandpa’s feet described?

2. How are Grandma's feet described?

3. In what ways are the baby’s feet different from Grandma's?

4. The mother's feet are described as polite. What is implied in Esperanza's comment about "polite feet?"

5. Rachel teaches Lucy and Esperanza "to walk down to the corner so that the shoes talk back to you with every step." What does Rachel's lesson teach Lucy and Esperanza?

6. What is Mr. Benny's concern for Rachel, Lucy, and Esperanza? What warning does he give to them?

7. What proposition does the Bum man offer Rachel?

8. Who does not like the Bum man's proposition and why?

9. The shoes are thrown out by Lucy's mother and the girls do not complain. Why?

**10. Write a paragraph below about the following:**

A time you (or someone you know) were so frightened by someone you ran away from the situation.

**“A Rice Sandwich”**

1. What is a canteen?

2. What did Esperanza want her mother to agree to?

3. Why did Esperanza's mother object to Esperanza's wish?

4. Esperanza recalls sandwiches without meat. What were the sandwiches with no meat?

5. How did Esperanza persuade her mother to grant her the special wish?

6. How did Esperanza persuade Sister Superior to give her what she wanted?

**7. Write a paragraph below about one of the following:**

a) When, during your childhood, did you need to feel special? How old were you? What were the circumstances (what happened)?

b) Were you ever able to convince someone else to give you your wish? Describe what you said and how it convinced the other person.

# “Chanclas”

*In "Chanclas" (shoes) Esperanza is overly concerned about her shoes.*

1. What did Mama forget to buy Esperanza?

2. What was being celebrated? Why?

3. Mama got sick during the dancing celebration. Uncle Nacho says too many

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”. What does this mean?

4. What are saddle shoes?

5. How does Esperanza describe her feet when dancing with Uncle Nacho?

6. While dancing, Esperanza forgot about something. What was it?

**"Hips"**

1. What does Esperanza say hips are good for?

­2. What does Lucy say hips are good for?

3. What does Nenny say about hips?

**"The First Job"**

1. Who found Esperanza her first job?

2. Describe Esperanza's work at her first job.

3. How did Esperanza learn her new job?