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*The House on Mango Street*

Section 6 Study Guide Questions

# “Four Skinny Trees”

1. How does Esperanza describe the trees? Which literary element is used to describe these trees?

2. Why does Esperanza look at the trees?

3. What do you think the trees represent?

**“No Speak English”**

1. Who is the main character in the story?

2. How does Esperanza describe the main character?

3. The main character arrived in town with whom?

4. The main character is seldom seen after her arrival. Why?

5. What did Esperanza's father eat when he first arrived in the United States? Why?

6. Why does the man get disgusted with the main character?

7. What does the man want the main character to do?

8. What does the main character not want the little boy to do?

**“Rafaela Who Drinks Coconut & Papaya Juice on Tuesdays”**

1. What happens to Rafaela in this story?

2. Where does Rafaela wish she could go?

3. Why can't Rafaela go to the store for herself?

4. How is her drink delivered to her?

#  “Sally”

1. Who is Sally?

2. What do the boys at school think about Sally?

3. What does Sally's father say about being beautiful?

4. What does Esperanza say about Sally's religion?

5. What does Esperanza say about wearing black clothing?

6. Sally has to go straight home after school. Esperanza says that Sally becomes different. Describe how Sally is different?

**Write a paragraph below about a time when you felt your parents were being too strict about something.**

**“Minerva Writes Poems”**

1. How is Minerva described?

2. What does she write?

3. Esperanza says Minerva is sad like what?

4. What is Minerva's big problem?

5. What do you think Minerva should do?

## “Bums in the Attic”

1. What kind of house does Esperanza want for herself?

2. Why doesn’t Esperanza like going out with her family?

3. Esperanza says, "People who live on hills sleep close to the stars, and they forget those of us who live too much on earth.” What does this statement mean?

4. What will Esperanza do when she becomes a homeowner? Do you think you would do the same?

**Write a paragraph below about a person who is homeless or struggling to exist without employment. Include one of the following:**

1. How do you feel about the homeless struggle?

2. Who is responsible for the fate of the financially destitute or homeless?

3. What is your responsibility to the struggling (homeless) person?